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Dear Parent

As promised at the end of last term, this letter provides you with further information on how the school will operate when we return in September as well as some other important reminders.

**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**

This document sets out the changes that have been made to our Covid precautions and can be found [here](#).

**Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing**

As part of the Government's plan to reopen schools in September, we will be offering all students two LFD tests at the start of term. The first of these will take place before students return to school. These will take place at the following times:

Year Group	Testing Date	Return to School Date
Years 7, 12 and 13	Monday 6 September	Tuesday 7 September
Years 10 and 11	Tuesday 7 September	Wednesday 8 September
Years 8 and 9	Wednesday 8 September	Thursday 9 September

Parents will be able to book appointments for their child to have their first LFD test in the week commencing 30 August and we will contact you again at that time.

LFD tests are not compulsory but we strongly recommend that your child undertakes these tests in order to reduce the risk of transmission in school.

**Change of Caterers**

As part of the Trust's wider procurement strategy, the contract for Trust-wide school catering was put out for competitive tender earlier this year and this contract was won by ABM Caterers. We are very excited to be working with a new provider and keen to see how the students engage with their plans to broaden the range of food available in school.

ABM Caterers will work within our existing payment systems so parents can continue to use Parentpay to ensure their child can make purchases. The menus for September can be found [here](#):  
[Food Menu](#) [Drinks Menu](#)



**School Uniform**

Our main uniform provider, Rawcliffes, is reporting steady business at the moment as parents make purchases of uniform for the new school year. We strongly urge parents not to leave this too late in the summer as Rawcliffes are always very busy in the final weeks of the holiday.

In order that parents can ensure that girl's skirts are compliant with our school policy, we have provided a wider range of choices utilising more suppliers. This information can be found [here](#).

**Communication**

As we return to a more normal school year in 2021-22, we will continue to communicate our plans and activities with all parents on a regular basis through the weekly Headteacher Blog and the fortnightly Head of Year Blog, both of which are emailed to all parents and posted on our website.

It is also important that we have accurate contact details for all parents so please ensure you update us with any changes via the SIMS Parent App or via the Google form <https://forms.gle/QjnskVKNbRV6d7AP9>.

We strongly recommend that you activate SIMS Parent, which will enable us to communicate with you regarding your child's achievements, attendance and academic progress and for you to keep up to date with school news. Details regarding SIMS Parent can be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Groak', written in a cursive style.

Mr V Groak  
Headteacher