

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well.

It was brilliant seeing everyone back this week. I can't thank parents enough for supporting all the safety measures we have put in place and bearing with us while we get our systems precise. The school was calm, purposeful and happy - a really lovely place to spend time.

We are reviewing the protocols each week to make sure we are getting the balance right between safety measures and education. Please watch out for updates from each of the small schools below. As always, feedback is welcome.

This newsletter includes:

1. A few reminder notices
2. A map of the different entrances
3. Updates from all our small schools

Notices:

If you are late....we won't wait

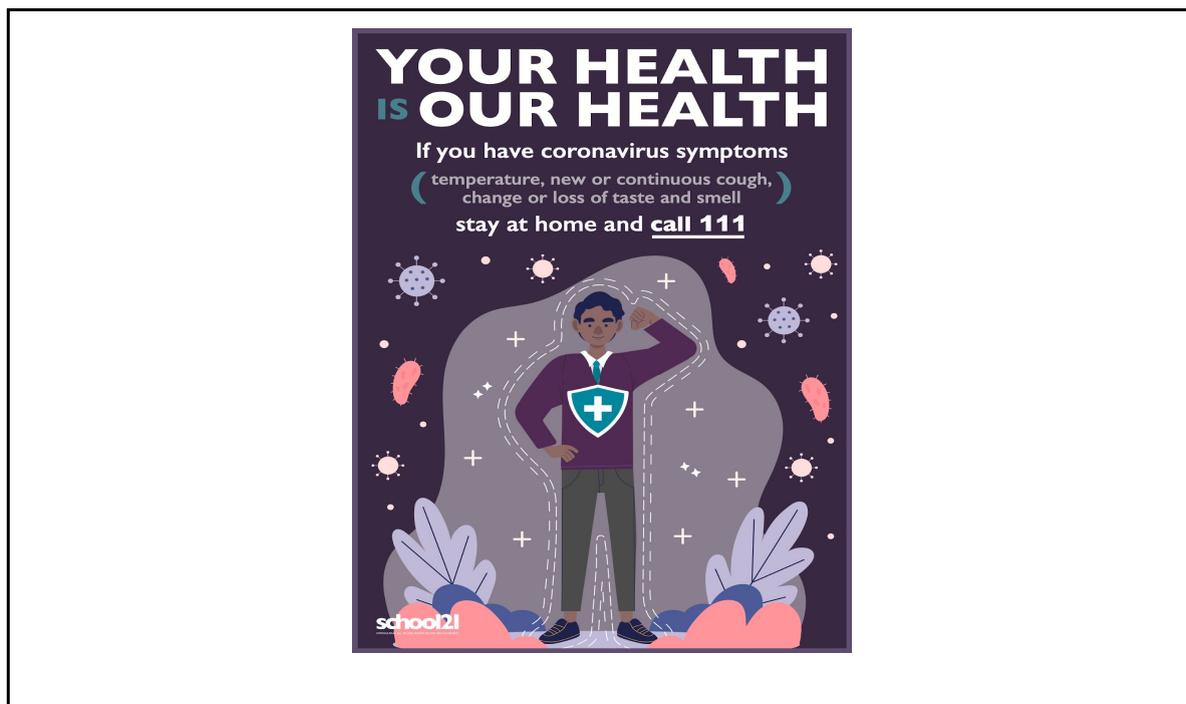
It is incredibly important that you come to school at your allotted time - not before and not after. If you come too early there could be bunching at the gate. If you arrive late there could be difficulty as we need to close the gates on time so we can keep the site secure. There are some changes in times this week in primary (see below). Thanks for your ongoing support.

Back to school information

All back to school information is on our website: <https://www.school21.org.uk/news-events>. This includes our published risk assessment

Absence reporting - your health is our health

If your child is absence for any reason related to covid-19 (self-isolating, waiting for a test, symptoms) please put Covid-19 in the title of your email to attendance@school21.org.uk (or say Covid-19 when calling absence in on 020 8262 2121 Option 1).



Key contacts are below.

Key contacts:

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Head of Pupil Support 4-18 - sshaldas@school21.org.uk

Head of Inclusion - cdilger@school21.org.uk

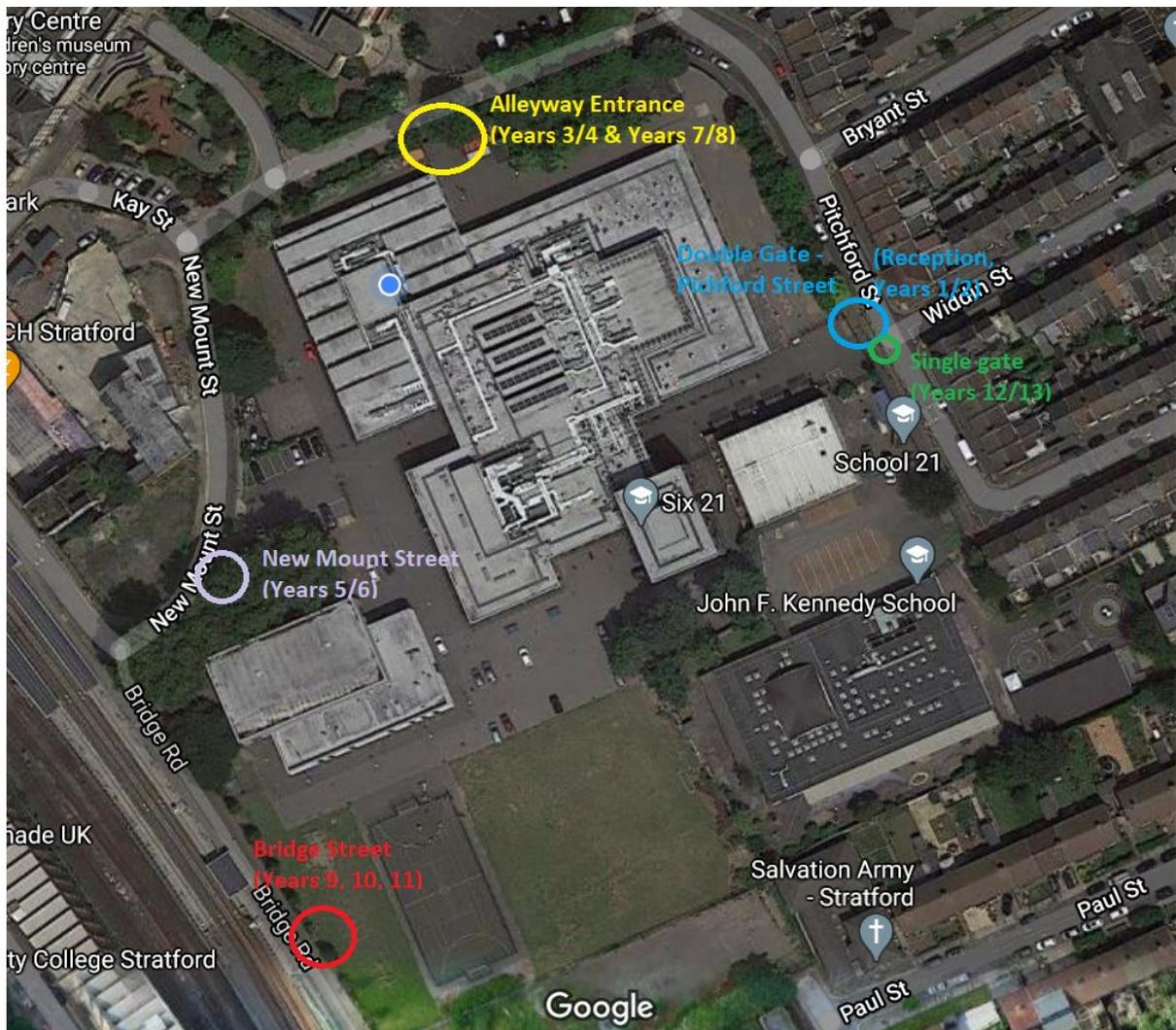
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Head of Six21 - kspencer@school21.org.uk

1. A reminder of the different entry gates



Primary

Thank you to all of our parents for your support, patience and understanding this week while we have reopened the Primary school and implemented our new safety measures. It has been amazing to see all the students smiling faces and their enthusiasm and excitement to be back in school!

It is important that you are reading **all communications** from the school very carefully as we have implemented new procedures across the school in line with the Government guidelines and to help keep our staff, students and wider community safe. We have sent emails and reminder texts - if you have not received these please contact the school reception office on 020 8262 2121 or admin@school21.org.uk to ensure we have your current contact details.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL TIMES

After feedback, we are changing our entrance and exit times to help support parents with drop off and collection. You will now have a window of time for your child. Please make sure you are adhering to the time to help us with social distancing as we are sharing our entrances with other year groups across the school.

If you are coming into the school (only for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents) you **MUST** wear a mask. You will be asked to wait outside the gates if you do not have a mask. **If you do not have a mask at collection time, you will have to wait until ALL other children are collected and your class teacher is able to bring your child to the front gate.**

Please see below for the new times and locations

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Entrance: 8:30am - 8:40am

Location: Double gate on Pitchford Street

Exit: 2:50pm - 3:00pm

Location: Double gate on Pitchford Street

Year 3 and Year 4

Entrance: 8:30am - 8:40am

Location: Double gate in the alleyway

Exit: 2:50pm - 3:00pm

Location: Double gate in the alleyway

ANYONE ARRIVING AFTER 8:40am WILL BE MARKED LATE

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

Please send your child with the following list of equipment every day. We have had a few students come to school without them this week.

- Refillable water bottle
- Bag of spare clothes (underwear, socks and joggers/leggings)

LUNCHES

We have implemented a new system for ordering lunches - apologies for any mix ups that happened this week. As with all new systems there were a few teething problems that we had to work through. Due to this, we are asking all parents to fill in the new forms linked below for lunches for the next three weeks. **ANY PAST FORMS DO NOT COUNT**

[Lunch Starting Monday 14th September](#) - Form will close on 13.09.2020

[Lunch Starting Monday 21st September](#)

[Lunch Starting Monday 28th September](#)

If you do not complete the forms by the Sunday evening before the school week commences the form will close and we will be unable to cater for your child and you will need to provide a packed lunch (except of course for children eligible for free

school meals). We have put the next 3 weeks up so that you have time to complete the forms.

SETTLING IN

This week the students have settled back into school very well and all classrooms have been very calm and focused! All of our students have shown all of the values of School 21 throughout the week, following our new procedures very carefully and helping others when they need reminding. We are so very proud of them!



YEAR 1

From Monday 14th September we will be changing some learning arrangements within the Year 1 pods to facilitate the teaching of phonics. We recognise that the quality teaching of early reading is critical in the development of all students and for them to have a successful foundation to build upon as they move through the school - **therefore we will be teaching phonics in small groups of mixed students from all three Year 1 classes.** We will be keeping all other safety measures that are currently in place which include class pods (when not in phonics), staggered playtimes, eating in classrooms and regular handwashing. This approach is still well within government guidance and in our judgement is a sensible judgement to support learning.

UNIFORM SWAP

If you are missing any PE kit or other uniform pieces, including ties, jumpers, trousers or shirts, please contact our brilliant pastoral lead at jsmall@school21.org.uk and we will be in touch to see if we have items we can provide. A HUGE thank you to the equally generous families in our community who have donated unwanted items - your support has really been overwhelming and is very much appreciated.

CLUBS/ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION

If your child is being collected by an after school club provider or by an alternative adult (relative/friend etc) please email your class teacher to let them know of this arrangement to avoid any delays in collection. Please also ensure the person collecting your child knows your password for collection.

ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Child of the Term assembly this week, it was wonderful to see you! We invite all parents to join us every Friday for our celebration assembly at 9:00am with this link [here](#).

Middle

ENTRY / EXIT TIMES

Similarly to primary, we have reviewed the staggered entry to the school. To avoid groups of parents and students congregating at the gates, we will open both the New Mount Street gates for Years 5/6 and the alleyway gates for Years 7/8 each morning from **8:30am - 8:45am**. Gates will be closed at this time and students will need to enter the school through the front office to sanitise their hands before signing in on our system where they will be marked as a late arrival.

Please remember that arriving late means students miss learning, lunch routines are impacted and, most importantly, key safety protocols are harder to follow, such as limiting children walking through the school. We really ask for your support in ensuring your child is arriving at school on time each day.

We do need to stick to our staggered exit times to ensure that students leaving do so in a socially distanced way. We do recognise that this may mean students finish at different times, but as for your understanding and support around this. As a reminder, the finish times in Middle School are as follows:

- Year 5 - 3:10pm (New Mount Street gate)
- Year 6 - 3:20pm (New Mount Street gate)
- Year 7 - 3:20pm (Alleyway gate near courthouse)
- Year 8 - 3:30pm (Alleyway gate near courthouse)

A reminder that lessons in Year 5/6 would normally finish at 3:15pm and in Year 7/8 at 3:30pm. It is important that students are in their classes until the staggered finish times to ensure they do not miss important learning time.

WATER BOTTLE

Please remember to send your child to school each day with a water bottle. At the moment water bubblers are turned off as they cannot be used for safety reasons. However, there are water dispensers for filling up bottles. We are not able to provide cups for children without a bottle.

WALKING HOME ALONE - REGISTER

As some children reach Year 5 and 6 they may feel more confident and ready to travel home on their own. Should you feel your child is ready for this responsibility, we require you to [register on this form \(please click here to access\)](#).

By completing this form, you give permission for your child to travel home (or to another destination) independently. Please ensure that only a parent or carer fills in this form.

Even if you provided permission last year, we require **all** families to complete the permission form each year to keep our information up to date as your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. Please ensure you have talked to your child about how to stay safe and in contact with you as well as any extra safety measures for travel linked with Covid-19.

LUNCHES UPDATE

Year 5 and 6

In the Middle School for Years 5 and 6 you do not need to fill in a preference form any longer. The teachers will share the menu with students each morning and take their choice with the register. We then send the order numbers to the kitchen daily and meals are delivered to their classrooms. All students in these year groups are entitled to Free School Meals, however if your child does not like the options available, please do send a packed lunch in with them. You are also always welcome to send a packed lunch in. The menu for the upcoming weeks is below for your reference. **Next week is Week 2!**

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Week 1 | Burger in a bun and chips & sweetcorn | Chicken stir fry noodles | BBQ chicken and rice | Roast turkey, roast potatoes and swede | Fish finger, new potatoes and peas |
| | Quorn burger in a bun and chips and sweetcorn | Quorn sweet potato curry and broccoli | Quorn sweet potato curry and cauliflower | Cheese and onion slices, roast potatoes and swede | Cheese and leek flan, new potatoes and peas |
| | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich |
| | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Week 2 | Jacket potato cheese and beans | Chicken pasta bake | Beef lasagne | Roast chicken, roasted new potatoes and runner beans | Sausage, chips and baked beans |
| | Jacket potato tuna and sweetcorn | Macaroni cheese and broccoli | Veggie quesadilla and cauliflower | Quorn sausage toad in the hole, new potatoes and runner beans | Quorn sausage, chips and sweetcorn |
| | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich |
| | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Week 3 | Tuna pasta bake and sweetcorn | Beef curry and rice with peas | Tikka chicken pizza with corn on the cob | Spaghetti bolognese and carrots | Fish and chips, baked beans and peas |
| | Macaroni cheese and sweetcorn | Mixed veg curry with rice and peas | Cheese and tomato pizza, corn on the cob | Veggie bolognese and carrots | Spanish omelette and chips, beans and peas |
| | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich | Cheese sandwich |
| | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich | Tuna sandwich |

Year 7 and 8

In Year 7 and 8 school dinners need to be paid for unless they are eligible for Free School Meals. If you need more information on how to top up your child's ParentPay account, [please click here](#). If you have a secondary aged child (Year 7 - Year 13) your circumstances have changed, you can apply for free school meals via the link below. It is actually very helpful for the school if you apply regardless of your circumstance or whether you have applied before. Please get in touch with Ms Nandra mandra@school21.org.uk if you have any questions, concerns or technical issues with ParentPay.

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application_for_Free_School_Meals

PE DAYS AND KIT

Please remember to send your child into school wearing their full PE kit on their lesson day. A reminder for which year group is on what day is below:

Year 5 - Mondays

Year 6 - Tuesdays

Year 7 - Fridays

Year 8 - Tuesdays

A further reminder to make sure that your child is wearing a full PE kit on these days. The kit list is as follows:

- School 21 teal polo shirt
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black jumper (or the School 21 jumper/cardigan)
- Black sports trainers

Please make sure that no hoodies are worn to school, even on PE days.

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

If you are missing any PE kit or other uniform pieces, including blazers, ties, jumpers, trousers or shirts, please contact our brilliant pastoral team at middle.pastoral@school21.org.uk and we will be in touch to see if we have items we can provide. A HUGE thank you to the equally brilliant families in our community who have donated unwanted items - your support has really been overwhelming and is very much appreciated.

MASKS IN YEAR 7 & 8

Please ensure you are sending your child to school with their mask. It is compulsory for children from Year 7 up to wear a mask in the transitions inside the building at school. Please note, because transitions are limited, this is only a very short time (a few minutes if that!) during the day. This is a measure designed to help keep our community safe. We will contact home if students are consistently forgetting to bring or wear their mask during the school day. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

RECOGNITION

We have had the most phenomenal first week back in Middle School. The excellent attitude to learning, the clear responsibility everyone has taken for their own and others safety and the beaming humanity that our students have shown has been incredible this week. Thank you to all our wonderful students and families for making it such a strong and successful start.

The menti board was OVERFLOWING with names - on Thursday evening, at time of writing we had over 1100 names! Can you see your child? Our first Monday Morning Meet Up will happen next week - who will be the first students to earn their green trophy badges this year??

In Monday morning meeting we will share with students the stars of the week and we will update this in next week's newsletter.

Entry and exit times

| Secondary (from Tuesday 8th September onwards) | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Gate | Day | Entry | Exit |
| Year 9 | Bridge Road (Near DLR) | Monday | 8:30am | 3:50pm |
| | | Tuesday | 8:30am | 3:30pm |
| | | Wednesday | 8:30am | 3:20pm |
| | | Thursday | 8:30am | 3:20pm |
| | | Friday | 8:30am | 2:30pm* |

*Your child will stay till 3:10pm if they have a 3:1 with their coach

| Secondary (from Tuesday 8th September onwards) | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Gate | Day | Entry | Exit |
| Year 10 | Bridge Road (Near DLR) | Monday | 8:20am | 4.00pm |
| | | Tuesday | 8:20am | 12:10pm** |
| | | Wednesday | 8:20am | 3:30pm |
| | | Thursday | 8:20am | 3:30pm |
| | | Friday | 8:20am | 2:45pm* |

*Your child will stay till 3:10pm if they have a 3:1 with their coach

**Your child will leave at 12:10 for the Real World Learning Placement to work from home, some students will stay on site to be supported to access online learning. This will be communicated today with parents/carers in a separate letter.

| Secondary (from Tuesday 8th September onwards) | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Gate | Day | Entry | Exit |
| Year 11 | Bridge Road (Near DLR) | Monday | 8:10am | 4:10pm |
| | | Tuesday | 8:10am | 3:40pm |
| | | Wednesday | 8:10am | 3:40pm |
| | | Thursday | 8:10am | 3:40pm |
| | | Friday | 8:10am | 2:40pm* |

*Your child will stay till 3:10pm if they have a 3:1 with their coach

Reminders:

UNIFORM

Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform, including black shoes (not trainers).

On days when they have PE, they need to attend school in their full PE kit. Please make sure they bring a plain jumper or their blazer to keep warm - **they will not be allowed to wear hoodies in lessons.**

WATER BOTTLE

Please remember to send your child to school each day with a water bottle. At the moment water bubblers are turned off as they cannot be used for safety reasons. However, there are water dispensers for filling up bottles. We are not able to provide cups for children without a bottle.

Six 21

We have been delighted to welcome both new students joining us in Year 12 and returning students in both year groups. The maturity with which students have adapted to the additional safety measures has ensured that we have been able to focus on learning and the week has been full of exciting and challenging lessons.

Entry and Exit Times

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible we are continuing with our staggered arrival times. If students have independent study first thing then they arrive in the second window. We are unable to accommodate late arrivals. A reminder of the different arrivals are in the table below. Students leave the site once they have finished with their timetabled commitments and meetings for the day. The latest this will be for the foreseeable future is 4:00pm on a Monday and 3:30pm all other days of the week. As young adults, students are expected to manage their own diaries and we are happy to support anyone who needs advice or is struggling.

We will be reviewing the independent study arrangements throughout next week and hope to be able to expand availability from 21st September.

| | Year 12 | Year 13 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday (main) | 8:50am - 9:05am | 8:30am - 8:45am |
| Monday (if student has independent study first thing) | 10:40am-10:55am | 10:40am-10:55am |
| Tuesday - Friday (main) | 8:20am - 8:35am | 8am - 8:15am |
| Tuesday - Friday (if student has independent study first thing) | 9:50am-10:05am | 10:10am-10:25am |

Lunches

All lunches must be preordered using the forms below. The deadline is 6pm Sunday evening for the following week. Please do not order sixth form lunches via any of the other lunch surveys as we have a different canteen.

[Week of 14th September](#) (deadline Sunday 13th September 6pm)

[Week of 21st September](#) (deadline Sunday 20th September 6pm)

YEAR 12

Next week Year 12 add 'Curriculum 21' to their week, participating in our trailblazing Real World Learning Programme on Tuesdays and completing a tailored study skills programme on Thursdays in order to maximise their success in sixth form.

Students are completing their probationary period in their subjects at the moment and this will be followed by their contract signing and a parents' evening in October. More details are in the separate welcome letter which was sent to all Year 12 parents this week - if you did not receive this please email info@six21.org.uk as that means that our contact details for you are not accurate.

YEAR 13

Year 13 are working hard on their UCAS applications and inspiring us all with their fantastic personal statements. Our goal is for all students to apply by the end of October, ahead of approximately 90% of their peers and we are delighted that students are rising to this challenge! Year 13 are also preparing for their first assessment window in the week commencing 28th September.