

7 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are continuing to keep safe and well. This term will end on **Friday 16 July 2021 from 12pm.**

As this term draws to a close, my thoughts are moving to the new academic year. You will all be aware from the news that there is an increase in positive COVID-19 cases nationally, attributed mainly to the so-called Delta variant of COVID-19. This has, and may continue to have, an impact on lifting restrictions over the summer months. We will be informing all children and parents of this information through Parentmail and the school website. Please check the website and our social media platforms regularly, especially during the summer holidays, as government guidance may change.

2021 - 2022 Academic Year

The 2021 - 2022 academic year will begin on Friday 3 September 2021 for our new Year 7 students. For students in Years 8 to 11, the year will begin on Monday 6 September 2021. Students need to arrive in school by the times listed below and make their way into their bubble area using the correct entrance.

Year Group	In school by:	Entrance	Bubble area once in school:
Year 7	8:00am - 8:10am	Oban Close	Tennis courts
Year 8	8:10am - 8:20am	Woodside Road	Field - the right side opposite sports hall
Year 9	8:10am - 8:20am	Oban Close	Field - the left side opposite courtyard
Year 10	8:20am - 8:30am	Oban Close	MUGA / picnic area
Year 11	8:00am - 8:10am	Woodside Road	Main courtyard

The finishing times for each year group are as follows.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	12:10pm
Year 8	3:24pm	3:24pm	3:24pm	3:24pm	12:12pm
Year 9	3:27pm	3:27pm	3:27pm	3:27pm	12:14pm
Year 10	3:30pm	3:30pm	3:30pm	3:30pm	12:15pm
Year 11	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	1:15pm

New school name

I am delighted to let you know that we will be officially known as **Cumberland Community School** from September 2021. The name sits well alongside our school values which are '**Determined, ambitious learners**'. These values are embedded in our school culture and will continue to be what defines our school in the years to come under the new name. We will begin rebranding including signage, website and other areas immediately. There will be minimal changes to the uniform, students joining the school in September 2021 can purchase uniform with the current logo as we will not be changing the uniform officially until 2022. A separate letter concerning uniform will follow in the new academic year.

Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our school. We believe it promotes a sense of identity and establishes good working habits. All students are required to present themselves to our school wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for the start of the new academic year. We recommend that you arrange to visit Ian Howard Schoolwear (409 Barking Road, London, E6 2JT, Tel 020 8472 1729) to order uniform as soon as you can. They have social distancing measures in place and you may encounter queues as a result. For more information on our uniform click [here](#).

Guidance on returning from abroad

If you plan to travel outside of the UK during the summer holidays you must adhere to the guidance that is in effect at that time. Currently, this means you must ensure you return in time to self-isolate for 10 days if travelling to countries on the government's red and amber lists, before returning to school on 6 September 2021. The quarantine period is continuous from the day you arrive in England and lasts for the next 10 full days after the day you arrived until 11:59pm on day 10. This period is necessary because it can take up to 10 days for COVID-19 symptoms to appear. To count the days:

- the day you arrive in England is day 0
- the day after you arrive is day 1, and so on.

If you do not do this and your isolation period is not complete by 6 September 2021, any isolation days taken from 6 September 2021 may not be authorised. This guidance may change depending on the country that you have returned from.

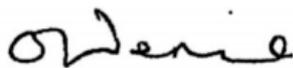
Parent/carer contact details

The school is required to have the name and address of every parent/carer and at least two telephone numbers at which the parent/carer can be contacted in an emergency. If your details have changed during this time, it is important that you provide details of your new address or telephone number. You will need to provide proof of your change of address e.g. council tax or electricity bill. You can provide this information by emailing the school at contact@cumberlandcst.org.

It has been a challenging time and I would like to thank you all for your continued support for the school on a daily basis. We could not have done it without you!

I look forward to your continued support in the new academic year.

I wish you all a safe and restful holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr Deria". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mr Deria
Head of School