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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of our plans for the return to the academy in September. I apologise for the delay in doing this but have been in conversations with the Midsomer Norton Partnership Trust as well as the Department for Education, which have impacted on our original plans.

You may be aware from the media that we are expected to test students twice on their return in September. Today we have received guidance on how this will work and I can therefore confirm the following:

Monday 6 September will be an INSET Day

Tuesday 7 September will be an INSET Day (this is an additional day and has not previously been calendared)

Wednesday 8 September

- Year 7 will arrive from 8:30 am and will be tested before starting their 'Induction Day' activities.
- Year 10 will arrive from 12:00 and will be tested before beginning their 'Key Stage 4 Launchpad' activities.

Thursday 9 September

- Year 7 and Year 10 - this will be a full school day.
- Year 11 will arrive from 8:30am and will be tested before starting their activities and lessons.
- Year 8 will arrive from 12:00 and will be tested before starting their activities and lessons.

Friday 10 September

- Years 7, 8, 10, 11 – this will be a full school day.
- Year 9 will arrive from 8:30am and will be tested before starting their activities and lessons.

Each tutor group will be given a specific time when they will be expected to come in, starting from the times shown above.

As consent forms have already been completed for this process for current students, we do not need to do this again, but you should let us know if you wish to withdraw consent, by contacting the academy office.

A Google Form will be circulated to current Year 6 parents to gain consent for testing. There will be guidance and an instruction video to support this and to help Year 6 families feel at ease with the process.



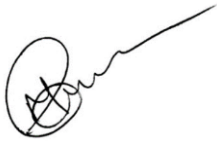
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My apologies to Year 6 families who will have been planning for a return a day earlier. The decision was only made to add in the additional INSET day yesterday. The reason for this is that there is a range of training requirements linked to joining the Multi Academy Trust that we will need to take part in.

More information will follow when we can be more specific. In the meantime many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lawrence', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

MARK LAWRENCE
Acting Headteacher