



Dear parent/carer

I hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday so far. Obviously, education has been in the news a lot over the past month, but at the time of writing the guidance around re-opening has not changed. We now feel in a place where we can confidently share the plans for our Y7 induction morning on Friday September 4th, although with the obvious caveat that the plan is subject to change according to government guidance over the coming weeks.

Our plan for the Y7 induction is as follows:

- The session will run from 9am until 11am, so there will be no break or lunch on the day
- We would like all students to wear Friesland School uniform, but the only equipment they will need will be a pen (so no bag, books, PE kit, pencil case etc will be necessary)
- During the two hours the students will meet their tutor, meet the other students in their form, have a tour of the school, run through some of the rules of the school and talk through how break and lunch times will work from Monday 7th September
- Some forms will register with the contactless system for purchasing food, those forms we do not manage to register on Friday 4th will be registered on Monday 7th

Obviously, it is really important that we follow our own 'covid safe' guidelines for the morning, so we will take the following precautions on the day:

- We would ask that when coming to school we follow a 'one way' system on Nursery avenue, with all students entering via the left hand side of the street, and any parents who have dropped off leaving via the right hand side. We will have staff available on Nursery Avenue to help with this
- Any parents wanting to drop off by car will be able to do so using the bus turning circle, but will not be able to leave the car and will need to do so quickly
- The forms will then line up on the grass at the front of school before being taken to their form rooms by the tutor. The students will then stay in that form group for the whole morning.
- The students will be collected at 11am from the same area, dismissed form at a time, 7F to 7N
- The school buses will not run on the day, so if your child would normally get the bus then a different method of transport will need to be used

When we fully re-open on Monday 7th September your child will again spend most of the morning with their tutor, getting set for the rest of the day. Form time is then extended every day for the first half term, and possibly beyond, to allow for extra support and to help the students know where to go each day in our special 'covid re-opening' timetable. I will write again next week with further detail on our re-opening from the 7th September, in a letter that will go to all parents rather than just those of the new Y7.

If you have any further questions about the induction morning or starting at Friesland in general please do not hesitate to get in touch, either with myself, Mr Slaney or Mrs York:

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Yours sincerely

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