

20th August 2020

Dear New and Year 7 EC Families,

As communicated previously, we have an induction morning planned for new students and parents, and all Year 7 students and their parents, on Thursday 27th August. Note: all students should be in full school uniform and everyone from the age of 6 onwards will be required to wear a face mask.

At The English College, we believe it is important that new students have the opportunity to spend time in school before term starts: meeting their tutors, class teachers and other key members of staff; meeting other children joining the school for the first time; familiarising themselves with the campus and their new environment; asking questions and seeking clarification on anything they may be anxious or unsure about; ensuring they feel excited, comfortable and confident about their first day of school.

It is also important that we connect with parents from the outset. We have a very special community at EC and we recognise the importance of our relationship with parents, and the positive impact that strong parent-school partnerships have on student outcomes. Research demonstrates that the best schools have high levels of parental engagement and that this is strongly related to improved student learning. Your involvement in the school is therefore central to supporting the high quality education we offer at EC; the induction meeting is key to establishing this relationship. The Principal and other members of the School Leadership Team (SLT) will share some key information with you, and there will be opportunities to ask questions and seek clarification on anything you may be apprehensive or unsure about.

We recognise that some parents, and their children, may be anxious about attending the induction morning so we will ensure that all information shared will be available online afterwards.

In order to manage traffic and ensure that all Health and Safety guidelines are met, only one parent from each family can attend.

The arrangements for the day will be as follows:

Arrivals:

Years 1 to 5

All parents are required to go to Gate 1 with their children, the large gate on the Primary side of the school at 8:45am. ONE parent per child please. Parents are asked to accompany their children (dressed in school uniform please) to the Gate where they will have their temperature checked by security and members of the Leadership Team. Teachers and Learning Support



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Assistants (LSA's) will meet your children at the gate and take them to the appropriate classroom bubble. Parents will then make their way down the path adjacent to the gate and to the Sports Hall. There will be someone there to guide you. Note that FS children have a staggered introductory start in Week 1 so they will not attend the induction day, however parents of FS students are welcome to attend, again one parent only please.

Parents will spend an hour with SLT, as we welcome everyone to the community and share some important information. Your child/ren will spend the hour with their class teacher. In this time they will get to know the location of their room, their teacher and other new students.

By 10am, the parents will be escorted back to Gate 1 and students will be escorted to the same security gate by their class teacher/LSA.

Years 6 to 8

In the Middle School we are inviting in all new families and the entire Year 7. All parents are required to go to Gate 1, the large gate on the Primary side of the school at 8:45am. Parents are asked to allow their children to enter the school first, while they stay in their car. Students will be greeted at the gate by security and SLT. They will have their temperature taken and then will walk their normal route (which is explained in the Re-opening letters on D6) to their form room. The route will be signposted and staff will be there to assist the children. At 8:55am, ONE parent per family is invited to come to the same gate and have their temperature checked. Parents will then be guided to the primary sports hall. Parents will spend an hour with SLT, as we welcome everyone to the community and share some important information

Your child/ren will spend the hour with their form tutor. In this time, they will get to know their tutor and form group members. They will become more equated with the school day and the arrangements due to Covid-19. Students are to wear their full school uniform and mask.

By 10am, the parents will be escorted back to their cars. Students will be escorted back to the same security gate by their form tutor and dismissed. Therefore, parents will meet their child outside the school by their car.

Year 9

All new Year 9 students are to be dropped off at Gate 5, the main secondary school gate at 8:45am. Students will have their temperature checked and then from there they will be guided to the Year 9 corridor and will go into their new form room with their form teacher. Once the parent has dropped their child, they should then drive round to the primary side, park on the sand and enter through Gate 1, the main primary entrance at 8:55am. Parents have their temperature checked by security and be guided to the primary sports hall. Parents will spend an hour with SLT, as we welcome everyone to the community and share some important information.

Your child/ren will spend the hour with their form tutor. In this time, they will get to know their tutor and form group members. They will become more equated with the school day and the arrangements due to Covid. Students are to wear their full school uniform and mask.

By 10am, the parents will be escorted back to their cars. Students will be escorted back to the same security gate they came through (Gate 5) by their form tutor and dismissed. Therefore, parents will need to drive their car back round to the secondary school side to collect their child.

Years 10 and 11

All new Year 10 and 11 students are to be dropped off at Gate 5, the main secondary school gate, at 8:45am. Students will have their temperature checked and then from there they will be guided to Secondary reception, where Ms Ayre (Head of KS4) will be waiting. Once the parent has dropped their child, they should then drive round to the primary side, park on the sand and enter through Gate 1, the main primary entrance at 8:55am. Parents have their temperature checked by security and be guided to the primary sports hall. Parents will spend an hour with SLT, as we welcome everyone to the community and share some important information.

Your child/ren will spend the hour with Ms Ayre and will be introduced to their form tutor. They will complete some icebreaker activities, have a tour and have the opportunity to ask questions. They will also become more acquainted with the social distancing arrangements and precautions being taken, due to Covid-19.

By 10am, the parents will be escorted back to their cars. Students will be escorted back to the same security gate they came through (Gate 5), by Ms Ayre, and dismissed. Therefore, parents will need to drive their car back round to the secondary school side to collect their child.

Year 12

All new Year 12 students are to be dropped off at Gate 5, the main secondary school gate, at 8:45am. Students will have their temperature checked and then from there they will be guided to Secondary reception, where Mr Edmonds (Head of KS5) will be waiting. Once the parent has dropped their child, they should then drive round to the primary side, park on the sand and enter through Gate 1, the main primary entrance at 8:55am. Parents have their temperature checked by security and be guided to the primary sports hall. Parents will spend an hour with SLT, as we welcome everyone to the community and share some important information.

Your child/ren will spend the hour with Mr Edmonds and will be introduced to their form tutor. They will complete some icebreaker activities, have a tour and have the opportunity to ask questions. They will also become more acquainted with the social distancing arrangements and precautions being taken, due to Covid-19.



By 10am, the parents will be escorted back to their cars. Students will be escorted back to the same security gate they came through (Gate 5), by Mr Edmonds, and dismissed. Therefore, parents will need to drive their car back round to the secondary school side to collect their child.

Thank you,

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