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### Dear YEAR 7

I hope that you're all well and that you have been managing to log in and work on your subject tasks via Google Classroom. I have been sending out hard copies for some pupils so if you do not have access to ICT at home then please let me know. It is such a shame that you have needed to isolate for another two weeks so soon after returning! Well, to be honest, we want to minimise this even further upon your return!

In order to do this, we will need to make some changes in school and so I wanted to write to you to help you prepare before your return on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### Your Timetable:

\*Below is the JOSE timetable. For PHTV classes your breaktime will be inside for Week 1 and outside for Week 2 and visa versa for lunchtimes.

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
	Week 1	Week 2								
8:30-	Go to									
8:50	form									
	room									
8:50 -	AM Reg									
9:00										
9:00 -	Lesson									
10:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10:00 -	Lesson									
10:30	2a									
10:30 -	Inside	Inside	Inside	Inside	Inside	Outside	Outside	Outside	Outside	Outside
10:50	break									
10:50 -	Lesson									
11:20	2b									
11:20 -	Lesson									
12:20	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
12:20 -	Outside	Outside	Outside	Outside	Outside	Inside	Inside	Inside	Inside	Inside
12:50	lunch									
12:50 -	Lesson									
13:50	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
13:50 -	PM									
14:10	Reg									
14:10 -	Lesson									
15:20	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
15:20	Buses									

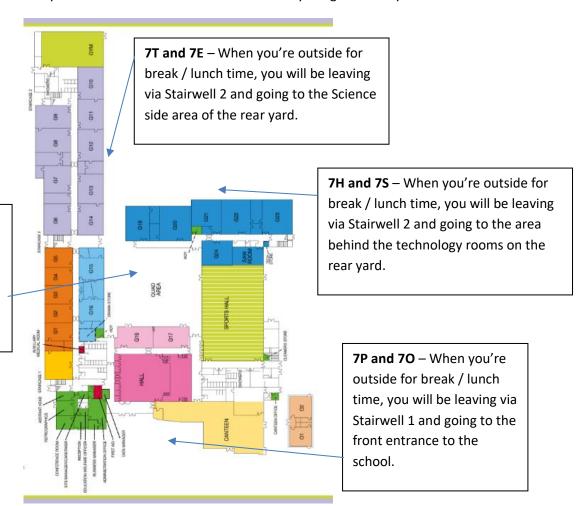
# What are the changes?

AM Registration	You will be asked to pre-order your food for the day (this will then be deducted from your dinner card automatically).	This will be to avoid queuing at break / lunch and will allow us to provide food quicker for you.
Form Classes	You will be able to continue to work within your form bubble.	This is to allow you to continue to work with people you have become familiar with since September as well as your teachers.
Breaktime Lunchtime	You will be having break / lunch times within your form bubble.	Reducing your bubble size will reduce the possibility of you needing to isolate at home for 14 days.

# What will this mean for break times and lunchtimes?

On the timetable above I have shown you when you will be having break and lunchtimes. These times are the same as you have been used to since joining us in September. The difference now is that on a Week 1 JOSE pupils will have breaktimes inside and lunchtimes outside whilst PHTV have breaktimes outside and lunchtimes inside. This will then swap for Week 2. You will still have the opportunity to 'down tools' at breaktime to relax within your room but you must remember that behaviour must be exceptional and I will begin to award praises to the forms with the tidiest rooms!

You will also now be in separate areas for breaktimes and lunchtimes, when you're outside. I have attached a map of the school to show you where these will be but we will show you again when you return.



**7V and 7J** – When you're outside for break / lunch time, you will be leaving past the Main Hall and going to the quad area of the school as normal.

We understand that you will not be outside for as much of the day as you have been used to, but we feel that a compromise here will allow you to continue to study in front of your teachers, whilst also being able to see your friends. As well as this, you even get to see some parts of the school that have been closed off to all other pupils!

If you have any concerns then please speak to your form tutors in your morning sessions with them.

## **Ordering Food:**

When you arrive at school in the morning your form tutor will have a sheet that will allow you to order your lunch which will be brought to you at lunchtime. Your lunch will be brought to your classroom in a specific bag which you will need to leave safely in your form room once you have finished. In a change to what you have been used to, if you wish to have a snack at break time you will need to bring this in from home. The cost of your lunch will be subtracted from your account by school staff.

# What will I need to do?

- Avoid going to toilet during lesson time. Instead you should be going to the toilet at breaktimes and lunchtimes only. Only if you're desperate should you ask to go during the lesson or if you have a medical pass.
- You should have the water you need for the lesson (either by brining this into school with you or by filling up your water bottles during breaktimes and lunchtimes).
- You will need to wear a face mask to and from school whilst using public / school transport. You will need to wear these whilst in the corridors and out at breaktimes but not within your form bubble.
- You should go straight to your form bubble when arriving to the school site and avoid contact with pupils from other form classes. You should not congregate within the toilets.
- Please continue to keep your form rooms tidy, especially when you're eating with those rooms.

We really hope these changes will only be temporary and that 2021 allows us to move back to a sense of normality. To help us with this, please ensure that you're listening to your parents and following the government guidance when outside of school to limit your exposure to COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on your year group Google Classroom page, or on my school email at <u>ojames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk</u>.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Mr. O. G. James.

**Head of Year 7**