



22 July 2021

## Wishing all of our Malet Lambert community a pleasant summer break

Dear Parent or Carer

I wanted to start this letter by thanking you all, for your patience, supportive comments, flexibility and understanding throughout what has been a very different and, in some regards, very difficult academic year at school. Without this, things would have been significantly more difficult. The Malet Lambert community has very much pulled together, for which we are extremely grateful. As you would expect, I wanted to provide you with a round-up letter before we go into the summer, highlighting some key messages for September.

### COVID-19 School Response – *What are we keeping and what are we hoping to see the back of?*

<b>KEEPING</b>	<b>REVERTING BACK</b>
<i>One way system around school</i>	<i>5 periods in the school day instead of 3 (60 mins)</i>
<i>Separate pupil school entrances and exits</i>	<i>Tutor Time at beginning of the day</i>
<i>Hand sanitiser stations around school</i>	<i>Pupil Assemblies</i>
<i>Split break and lunchtimes</i>	<i>Trips and Visits (pending government guidance)</i>
	<i>Face coverings not mandatory</i>
	<i>Same start time for all pupils</i>

### Uniform Reminder

To ensure that all key messages have been fully digested by all pupils, tutors are using the final few weeks to read aloud to all pupils in registration the recent uniform letter. We feel that this approach further supports our drive for consistency ahead of September. The latest uniform letter can be found at the link: [Uniform Letter, September 2021.pdf](#)

A few parents and carers have questioned the need for the logo on trousers and skirts. For clarity, this is not about promoting school ethos but a way of checking that uniform is suitable for wear as part of the policy. Thank you for your support.

We would like to politely remind all of our pupils and their families that energy drinks and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.

## **A new pupil pocket planner – *In response to pupil voice***

In response to pupil feedback, we are pleased to be introducing a new pocket sized planner for September, which pupils must have on their person in school at all times.

The planner has always been important at Malet Lambert but from September it will have increasing prominence as an aide memoire to expectations, pastoral support avenues, uniform notes, learning materials, a communication tool with families, recognition of rewards and out of lesson authorisations, to name but a few. We will issue every pupil with a free planner at the start of the year but if lost, then a replacement will be provided at a charge of £1.50. These can be purchased via our ParentPay shop: [shop.maletlambert.co.uk](http://shop.maletlambert.co.uk)

## **Start times, entrances and exits**

We will be keeping the separate year group entry and exits at different gates. However, all gates will open for pupils at 8.35am, to enable pupils to reach their registration rooms for 8.45am. Pupils who do not arrive to register for 8.45am, will be recorded as late. Each gate will be locked at 8.45am and any pupils arriving after this time, will need to sign in via reception and their reason for being late recorded.

Can we also remind pupils not to congregate at their gates prior to 8.35am, the pavements are not very wide, if they need to wait for friends, we ask pupils to wait in the park area.

- Year 7 and 9 will continue to enter and exit through the “old reception” gates on James Reckitt Avenue
- Year 8 and 10 will continue to enter and exit through what was our traditional “pupil entrance” on James Reckitt Avenue
- Year 11 will enter and exit via the “Ings Road entrance”

All pupils will leave via their respective gates at 3.00pm. If pupils are unsure, particularly our new year 7 pupils, please familiarise yourself over the summer with the entrances.

## **Mobile Phones and Devices**

Our successful and simple mobile device policy will continue in September. The key point is that all phones and similar are to be out of sight and switched fully off at the point of entering the site and they must remain that way until the point that the pupil is off site. Where a pupil needs to make contact with home they simply need to ask a member of staff to facilitate that. If a pupil does not adhere to the policy then the phone is initially confiscated but returned to the pupils directly at the end of the day. Beyond the first contravention in any term, the phone is confiscated and is only returned to an adult named as a contact on our SIMS record system. More details can be found on our website within the full policy which is here: [https://www.maletlambert.co.uk/uploads/policy/file/39/Mobile\\_Phone\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.maletlambert.co.uk/uploads/policy/file/39/Mobile_Phone_Policy.pdf)

## **Return to five 60 minute lessons**

In response to the pandemic, we made the decision this year to reduce movement around school and operate a three lesson day of 100 minutes each. Whilst a number of our older pupils welcomed this, we do need to return to a five lesson day of 60 minutes each. This model provides greater curriculum flexibility for our pupils, as well as more effective sequencing and spacing of subjects across the pupil timetable, which really helps to embed learning.

## Google Classroom

We want to thank pupils and parents for their fantastic adaptability to online live, hybrid and on demand lessons through Google Classroom. Whilst we hope that September will see a return to normality, we have recognised that Google Classroom has been extremely useful for pupils in allowing us to set homework and post reminders, therefore, we will use this as a platform for pupils to be able to see their homework as well as providing a physical copy in class where needed. Mr Bell will be writing to parents and carers separately to confirm how this will all work.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) in September

From September 2021, PSHE will be a timetabled lesson, delivered once a week at KS3 and once a fortnight at KS4. Lessons will allow pupils to synthesise what they have learnt across the subjects and develop the skills needed to put this learning into practise outside of, or beyond, school. We will focus on six main topics: identity and equality, relationships and sex education, safety offline and online, careers, health and wellbeing, and contributing to the community. This work will allow pupils to take ownership of their own identity or decision-making, and empower them to become leaders within the school or their local and national communities.

## Times of the school day

Our times of the day have been carefully considered. We have responded to pupil and parental feedback over time and have tried hard to achieve the following:

- *Split breaks and lunches* – remove congestion and other issues associated with all pupils out of lesson at the same time
- *Tutor time back in the morning* – this is the preferred time slot for pupils and staff
- *No split lessons* – during the last year, some pupils have reported to us that they have found having their lesson split difficult
- *Earlier lunch* – A large number of Year 9 pupils have preferred having the earlier lunch this year

The table below will be trailed for the first term in the first instance

8:45am - 9:05am	Tutor Time Registration	All year groups
9:05am - 10:05am	Period 1	All year groups
10:05am- 11:20am	Period 2 or Break	Break 1 - Year 8 and 10 (10:05am - 10:20am) Period 2 - Year 8 and 10 (10:20am - 11:20am)  Period 2 - Years 7,9, and 11 (10:05am - 11:05am) Break 2 - Years 7,9, and 11 (11:05am - 11:20am)
11:20am - 1:00pm	Period 3 or Lunch	Lunch 1 - Year 8 and 10 (11:20 - 12:00pm) Period 3 – Year 8 and 10 (12:00pm - 1:00pm)  Period 3 - Year 7,9 and 11 (11:20am - 12:20pm) Lunch 2 - Year 7,9 and 11 (12:20pm - 1:00pm)
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Period 4	All year groups
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Period 5	All year groups All pupils leave via their own year group gate

## Stay Safe

John Craig, Head of Planning at Hull City Council wrote to me this week on behalf of both the City Council and other relevant Regulatory Authorities namely the Fire Service and Police Force regarding concerns that they have about a number of buildings in the city which have and continue to be prone to trespass.

The buildings and sites we particularly have concerns over are as follows:

- The Strand (former School of Architecture), Beverley Road
- Lord Line Building, St Andrews Dock
- Sea Fish Industries Building, St Andrews Dock
- Pump House and Tower, St Andrews Dock
- Insurance Building, St Andrews Dock

These buildings have been in a state of disrepair for some time. In addition, Humberside Police have, apparently, also raised concerns in respect of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Unfortunately it is clear that a number of school aged children are frequently visiting these sites and entering the buildings. The Council and its partners including the emergency services are concerned for the welfare of people visiting these buildings given the inherent nature of hazards associated with them. They have asked us to pass this information on.

## Additional members of the Senior Leadership Team

Miss Tarbet, Assistant Headteacher will be going on maternity leave in September, and we wish her lots of luck with her exciting new arrival. We will miss her very much, but I am pleased to say that Mr Oliver Brady will be based at Malet Lambert next year and will be picking up the majority of Miss Tarbet's Teaching and Learning lead role. Mr Brady is a Vice Principal in the TEAL trust and has previously been a Deputy Headteacher at South Hunsley School. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him to Malet Lambert. Additionally, Mr Matthew Holmes, Assistant Principal at TEAL, will be joining us. Mr Holmes is an ex Malet Lambert pupil and, therefore, has a real passion for our school and community. He will be working primarily in Maths as well as looking at aspects of CPD, Curriculum and Assessment. Finally, I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Hayley Nickolay-Walker (*previous Head of Drama at Malet Lambert*) who will be based with our senior leadership team three days per week. Mrs Nickolay-Walker has primarily been based at TEAL for the last couple of years and so the staff and pupils will be thrilled to see her back at Malet Lambert a little more next academic year.



Miss Tarbet



Mr Brady



Mr Holmes



Mrs Nickolay-Walker

Let us all keep our fingers crossed that we can get back to some form of normality next academic year. Everyone at Malet Lambert wishes you a pleasant summer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Sprakes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Sprakes  
Headteacher

**IMPORTANT STAGGERED RETURN DATES BELOW**

*Staff Training Day: Monday, 6 September 2021*  
*Year 7 and Year 11 Only Return: Tuesday, 7 September 2021*  
*All Year Groups Return: Wednesday, 8 September 2021*

**STAY SAFE – WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING PUPILS BACK IN SEPTEMBER**