COVID 19 Safe Return to School from September 2020

Guide for Students





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Introduction

It is going to be great welcoming you back in September, but you will need to prepare yourself as things will be very different for a while! By reading this guide carefully it will help us to give you a smooth return to school as the things you see here are things we will ALL have to do to make sure we are all safe.



We will send you an updated version of this guide at the end of August. This will have more information in it such as your tutor room, zones and how practical subjects will work.

Returning to school is vital for your education and for your wellbeing. Please be assured that the risk to you becoming severely ill from Coronavirus (COVID-19) is very very low and there are far more negative health impacts of being out of school.

If you are anxious about returning to school, please contact your Student Support Mentor who will help to put your mind at ease.

Please note that this guidance may change if new developments occur, but we will keep you up to date with any changes.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Stephen Brady Headteacher

Note just for Year 11 students.

So that we can get you back on track for your exams next year, we have organised a period 6, which will start in September. This extra lesson is compulsory. Your new timetable, including this extra period, will be sent to you soon. Additional buses will be arranged to get you home.



Getting to and from school

If you can travel by car/taxi, walk or cycle to school that is the safest way to travel. If you are travelling by school bus then please:

Catching the School bus you MUST:	Catching Public Transport you MUST:
Maintain a social distance of 1m+ when queuing. Use the hand sanitizer when you get on and off the bus. Wait patiently for your turn to get on and off the bus. Stick to your usual bus "bubbles" by staying with the people you usually travel with.	Maintain a social distance of 1m+ when queuing Use the hand sanitizer when you get on and off the bus. Wait patiently for your turn to get on and off the bus. Wear a face covering whilst on the bus Stick to your usual bus "bubbles" by staying with the people you usually travel with. Avoid being too close to anyone not associated to the school.

Upon entering and leaving the school (face coverings are not needed in school):

Classes will be different whilst Covid is around – you will remain in your zone and class "bubble" and teachers will move around to different zones to teach you.

You MUST:

Make sure you know where your zone and class is (these will be published at the end of August, so keep an eye on the website and social media pages).

Wash your hands (for at least 20 seconds) on entering and leaving the building.

Use the hand sanitizer whenever you enter or leave the building or your classroom.

Maintain a social distance of 1m+ where possible.

Whilst in school

- Full school uniform should be worn. You should bring in your PE kit on PE days and it is important that you bring in your normal equipment such as pens, pencils, ruler, highlighters, sharper, coloured pencils, protractor, scissors, glue stick and calculator etc as **these cannot be lent or borrowed**.
- You will remain in class and your zone. Teachers will not be mixing like they normally do.
- Our normal outstanding behaviour expectations will be expected. You will be reminded daily of our expectations.
- Keep to the 1m plus social distancing guidelines where possible.
- You will be asked to wipe down surfaces and equipment that you use.

Instructions are non-negotiable and if asked to do something you must do as you are asked without question.

In class and if you need to leave the class for any reason you MUST	Break and lunchtimes students MUST:
Stick to your allocated desk and do not borrow or lend equipment to others. Don't be offended if your teacher doesn't come over to you – they also have to maintain the 1m+ social distancing rules. Enjoy your lessons! If you need to leave the class, get permission from your teacher. Wash and sanitize your hands before coming back into the room especially after using the toilet. Remain in your zone.	Stay in your zone at all times. You cannot wander into another zone for any reason (not even to see your brother or sister). Follow the social distancing guidelines. Wash and sanitize your hands before eating food and before going back into your classroom. Please note that outside zones will be available and we are looking at ways to bring food to you instead of you going to the canteen.

If you feel unwell, you MUST:

Wash your hands more often

If you sneeze, cough or blow your nose remember to use a tissue and "catch it, bin it and kill it".

Tell your teacher you are feeling unwell.

Keep your distance from others.

Go to Reception and let them know you are going to the medical room.

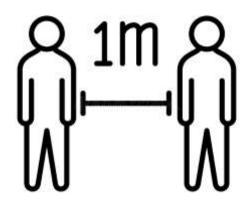
Go to the medical room and wait for someone to come up and see you.

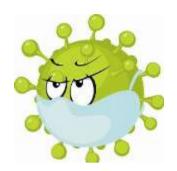
We will update you on subject specific requirements like Technology or PE at the end of August.

If you require extra help in your lessons or have an EHCP we are looking into how your TA can continue to support you in class.



















Stay in your "bubble" help to keep yourself and others safe.

