



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

31st August 2020

Question *Does my child have to wear a face-covering?*

Answer As of today, Monday 31st August, all pupils must wear a face-covering. There will be exceptions and parents/carers of these pupils should contact the school office on 0141 582 0030.

Whilst moving in corridors, indoor at break time, indoor at lunchtime and in communal areas where there are larger crowds of different age groups, face-coverings must be worn.

We will, of course, seek the cooperation of parents/carers in ensuring that all pupils have an appropriate face-covering, which should be made of cloth, if possible, in order to allow for it to be washed and re-used. If any child cannot afford a face-covering, the child should contact Pastoral Care.

Pupils should also wear face-coverings if they use public transport or if they are in shops at lunch-time.



Question ***When will my child/ren start school each day?***

Answer All pupils start at 0850 each day. They finish at 1500 on M/W/F and 1550 on Tu/Th.

S1-3 enter and exit through the Gower Terrace entrance



and

S4-6 enter and exit through the Urrdale Road entrance and exit



Question ***What will the arrangements be if I want to drop my child off at school in the morning or pick her/him up at the end of the day?***

Answer We encourage as many pupils as possible to walk or cycle to school and we would ask that parents/carers assist with this, where possible. If parents/carers are dropping off/picking up, it will be important that they remain aware of the need to avoid large numbers of pupils arriving at the same time.

Question ***Will pupils be required to wear full school uniform, including a blazer?***

Answer Yes. All pupils will be expected to wear the full school uniform. Parents/carers will be aware of the need for there to be regular washing of school uniform items.

Question *Will school lunches be available?*

Answer School lunches are available. Pupils entitled to a Free School Meal should go to the Fuelzone to get their meal. Cash is not used in the Fuel Zone at the moment

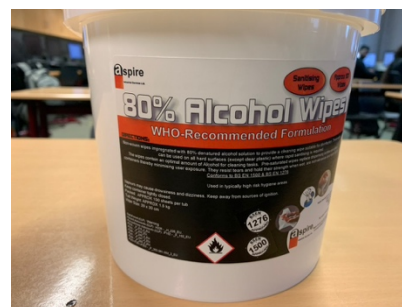
Information regarding alternative payment methods is available from School office on 0141 582 0030. This system, by which parents/carers can pay in advance for breakfast/interval snacks and/or lunches uses the BACS system and requires parents/carers to use a unique identifying code for their child.

Pupils are allowed to leave the school at lunchtime only, but they should follow **FACT** at all times whilst in the community. **FACT** stands for: **F**ace coverings, **A**void Crowded spaces, **C**lean your hands regularly, **T**wo metre distance whenever possible.

We are encouraging pupils to go outside into the extensive school grounds at the Interval and at lunchtimes after they have used the Fuel Zone. On wet days at Intervals and lunch-times, they will report to a Year Group Wet Weather Zone in order to reduce the numbers of different age-groups who might be out and about around the school.

Question *Will pupils have access to hand-washing facilities and to hand-sanitiser?*

Answer Yes. Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day, especially when returning to the school building after lunch. Hand-sanitising stations will be located throughout the school and in classrooms for pupils to use. We would also encourage pupils to bring in their own hand-sanitiser for use throughout the school day.



Question *When possible, how will social distancing be observed throughout the school day?*

Answer We will have a one-way system in place which has been explained to pupils. As was explained above, we also operate two separate entrances and exits, with S1 – S3

using the Gower Terrace door and S4 – 6 using the Urrdale door throughout the day. All adults in the school will be maintaining a distance of 2 metres from each other and from pupils whenever possible.

Question ***What will happen if my child becomes ill during the course of the day?***

Answer If a pupil displays any of the recognised symptoms of COVID 19, s/he will be taken to a designated area and a parent/carer called at once in order to collect the pupil. Thereafter, the parent/carer would follow the national procedures in line with the Government's Test and Protect scheme. Parents/carers must ensure that their contact details are up to date so that we can make contact, if required.

Question ***Will special measures be put in place if my child has a recognised medical condition?***

Answer A full Risk Assessment has been carried out into relation to all areas of the working of the school, but any parent/carer should feel free to contact us to have a discussion about individual cases.

Question ***Has the higher risk of COVID 19 infection amongst the BAME community been taken into account by the school?***

Answer Yes. This is built into the Risk Assessment, but any parent/carer should make contact with us if they have a specific concern.

Question ***Can I come into school to meet with a member of staff?***

Answer No, we will communicate with parents via a phone-meeting. We shall only have face to face meetings when needed.

Question ***Will pupil lockers be available?***

Answer Not at present.

Question ***How will the school keep in touch with parents/carers?***

Answer We will keep you up to date with any developments by using text-messaging, the School App, the school website and letters, if required. Again, please ensure that your contact details are up to date – an email address is also very useful to us.