



Guidance on starting the new term



Model

During our first week of term, we will be operating a phased return for all pupils in order to provide a sensible transition back to school for everyone. The covering letter has already outlined which day(s) your child is expected to attend school from Wednesday 12th August, Thursday 13th August and Friday 14th August 2020.

Thereafter, all pupils will return to school on a full-time basis from Monday 17th August 2020.

Uniform/PE Kit

We expect that our pupils return in full school uniform in order that we keep school as 'normal' as possible during this time. We have a stock of good quality uniforms in our school uniform bank so please get in touch if we can assist you in any way with this. Pupils in **S1/S2/S3** can wear their PE kit on PE days only, however full school uniform must be worn on non-PE days. Pupils in **S4/S5/S6** will be able to access PE changing facilities whilst maintaining safe physical distancing and therefore, should wear full school uniform each day.

Transport by Car

We respectfully request that if you plan to drop your child off at school, please avoid Fletcher Avenue as this very narrow street could become highly congested. Such congestion would compromise the safety of our pupils when crossing the road just outside our school gates. Furthermore, pupils should not be dropped-off or collected within the school grounds.

Transport by School Bus

- There is no requirement to physically distance on school transport.
- There is no requirement to wear a face covering on school transport, however pupils can if they wish.
- Pupils must sanitise their hands before entering the school.

The School Day

On entry to the building, everyone must use the hand sanitisers provided.

S1/S2 pupils should enter via the main entrance of the school and make their way directly to the school assembly hall and remain there until 8.50am.

S3/S4 pupils should enter via the PE door nearest the small gym and make their way directly to the games hall and remain there until 8.50am.

S5/S6 pupils should enter via the canteen doors and remain in the canteen until 8.50am.

As far as possible, pupils will follow their normal timetable but in order to minimise movement, we have decided to suspend Registration. This means that school will still start at **8:50am but pupils should go directly to their period 1 classes** where they will be registered as normal. Staff will be available to support pupils with this new arrangement.

Frequent handwashing is required throughout the day so pupils will be directed to wash their hands and/or be directed to our hand sanitiser stations which are located in key areas throughout the building.

Classroom Layout/Expectations

- Pupils will be seated side by side and facing forwards.
- Every effort will be taken to maximise spacing between pupils.
- There will be no sharing of equipment and resources including pens/pencils etc...
- Everyone (staff and pupils) is responsible for the cleaning of their own work stations. This means that pupils will be required to wipe down their desks/tables/keyboards at the start of every lesson.

Interval/Lunchtime

All pupils should sanitise their hands at the beginning and end of interval and lunchtime.

All pupils will have access to the school canteen menu and are also most welcome to bring their packed lunch if they prefer. Pupils will be directed to the following social areas:

S1/S2 to the assembly hall

S3/S4 to the PE games hall

S5/S6 to the canteen

Pupils who choose to visit the local shops must wear a face covering and adhere to safe physical distancing. A reminder that S1 pupils are not permitted to visit the local shops at any time during the school day.

Pupils are encouraged to bring their own pre-filled water bottles as there will be no access to water fountains during the school day.

End of school day

On exiting the school building, all pupils are expected to sanitise their hands.

Staying vigilant and responding to COVID-19 symptoms

The most common symptoms are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

Any pupil who feels unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 should inform a member of staff immediately. Thereafter, we will contact parents and arrange for the pupil to be collected as soon as possible. Whilst the pupil is waiting to be collected they will be directed to a safe waiting area.