

## General COVID key info - updated Feb 2021

- Staggered start and finish times.
- There will be hand sanitiser in all areas of the school.
- Students must bring their own face masks and wear these at all times when indoors (other than break/lunchtime).
- There will be no social interaction between students other than in their small 'bubbles' (groups).
- There will be dedicated toilet facilities with a toilet attendant to ensure a one-in, one-out system occurs.
- All classroom doors to be kept open to ensure adequate ventilation to rooms.
- All students to use their own equipment/books and no sharing to be done.
- Students should maintain a consistent 'friendship' group at break and lunchtimes which consists of no more than 6 students. This will help minimise the number of students who would be required to self-isolate should a positive case arise.
- Students must maintain social distancing where possible, including to and from school.

## Bubbles

To comply with government guidelines around 'bubbles', the general plan will involve keeping children within year group bubbles, with the exception of Years 12 and 13 who will form a combined Post 16 bubble. This system will be identical to it was before the Christmas break when the school was last fully operational.

## Timing of the school day

To ensure that we minimise the interaction between bubbles we will continue with the temporary amendments to the school day, again, as was the case before Christmas. Full details can be seen below :

Bubble	Start time	Entrance	Breaktime	Lunchtime	Break/lunch venue	Exit time	Exit
7	8.40	Main double gate (hall entrance)	10.40-10.55	12.55-13.25	Hall	2.45	Sixth form gates
8	8.50	Main double gate (hall entrance)	10.10-10.25	12.25-12.55	New gym	2.55	Sixth form gates
9	8.50	Main gate (ramp)	11.10-11.25	13.25-13.55	New gym	2.45	Main gate (ramp)
10	8.40	Main gate (ramp)	10.10-10.25	12.25-12.55	Hall	2.55	Main gate (ramp)
11	8.40	Sixth form gates	11.10 - 11.25	13.25-13.55	Hall	3.05	Main gate (ramp)
12	9.05	Sixth Form gates	10.10-10.25	12.25-12.55	Sixth form common room	3.15	Sixth form gates
13	9.05	Sixth Form gates	11.10-11.25	13.25-13.55	Sixth form common room	3.15	Sixth form gates

## Attendance

The government has made it clear that **all** children should return to school and that full attendance is mandatory, unless:

- 1) they test positive for and are self-isolating for COVID-19
- 2) they are ill for other reasons
- 3) they are self-isolating due to being a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- 4) they are recorded as being clinically extremely vulnerable (a shielding letter should be provided as evidence)

## COVID safe behaviour

Due to our need to keep students in bubbles, there will be a number of key things students and parents must be aware of:

- 1) COVID manners must be followed; students need to ensure they follow one way systems, respect the need to socially distance from staff and other year bubbles, minimise physical contact with other students within their bubble etc. and wear face coverings at all times when in doors.
- 2) A number of our internal behaviour support systems (the achievement centre, faculty withdrawal rooms, our internal exclusion unit) which have historically reduced our need to exclude students from school will not be available. As such any students who fail to follow protocols will risk being sent home and excluded. Whilst we still want to avoid excluding students where possible we cannot have individuals ignoring guidance and putting students and staff at risk.

## Testing

In line with government guidance: *“all secondary school and college students will take three COVID-19 tests as they return to the classroom from the 8 March at existing school testing facilities. After the initial programme of three tests in school or college, students will be provided with 2 rapid tests to use each week at home”* Our students will be tested initially between Thursday 4 - Sunday 7 March and then again on site weeks commencing Monday 8 and 15 March. Home testing will commence w/c 22 March and information will be provided in due course.

## Face Coverings

Students should arrive at school with a face covering and it is advised that they bring a spare covering should they need to change the covering throughout the day. **The expectation is that students will now wear a face covering at all times when indoors.** The exceptions where students do not need to wear a face covering are: when travelling outside of school buildings, when students are outside during social times, when sat down to eat at break/lunchtimes, or when participating in PE lessons.