

## **Key Information for Parents/ Carers and Students of Year 10**

The following is based on government and Local Authority Guidelines

### **Who should attend school?**

Vulnerable children and children whose parents are key workers have been attending school and will continue to do so. From June 15<sup>th</sup>, year 10 students will begin attending in a phased return – see page 2 of this document.

- Parents/carers of children must closely monitor children for signs of Covid-19 symptoms in line with PHE, NHS, Government & DfE guidelines (e.g. unwell with a new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) and if they show any signs they must not attend school.
- Parents/ carers of children must not allow their child(ren) to attend school if a household member shows signs of Covid-19.
- The current advice from the government is that: Symptomatic children to self-isolate for 7 days and the members of their household for 14 days. Parents/ carers need to obtain a test for their child and any other symptomatic household members (within age limitations). If negative, the child can return to school once well and family members can stop self-isolating (follow the guidance on testing on the [NHS testing web page](#)).
- Where a child member tests positive, the rest of their group (the group of 12 students that the student has been socially distancing from in the classroom in school) will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Other household members of this wider group do not need to self-isolate unless their child starts to have symptoms.
- A student must not attend school with an uncovered cut or graze – it must be covered with a plaster. If they do attend, they will be asked to administer their own plasters/dressing or clean the injury themselves by being given the correct wipes from the first aid kit.

### **Advice for clinically vulnerable**

- Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) children should follow medical advice. If they return to school, they are advised to take extra care in observing 2 metre social distancing.
- If a child lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting (if not symptomatic).

### **Advice for those clinically extremely vulnerable**

- Shielded and clinically extremely vulnerable children are advised to shield at home, not to attend school and will be supported to learn at home.
- Children living with a shielded or clinically extremely vulnerable person are advised only to attend an education or childcare setting, if stringent social distancing can be adhered to.

### **What does my child need to bring to school?**

- The school's water fountains are closed in adherence with Health & Safety, therefore students need to bring in enough water to last the entire time at school.
- Students will also not have access to food so they must bring in a packed lunch, the government are continuing the free school meal vouchers so use these for packed lunches. If this scheme changes, we will review our provision.
- Please ensure your child has tissues (we will also provide these) and even though we have hand sanitiser and soap, your child may wish to bring their own hand sanitiser as an additional measure.
- Parents/ carers of children must remind their child of the government rules around keeping safe and that they apply in and out of school. The rules are below:
  - physical distance of 2 metres kept between students and staff.
  - frequent washing of hands using soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
  - do not touch your face.
  - use elbow or tissue if you cough.
  - if a tissue is used once it must be placed in a lidded bin.

**What should students wear?**

- Students do not need to wear school uniform and once home, it is advised that clothes should be washed every day.
- If using public transport, the government guidance is to wear a face mask.
- On school site, students do not need to wear a face mask.
- Gloves also are not necessary and can be counterproductive so students should not wear these in school.

**How should students travel to school?**

- Ideally, encourage students to walk or cycle to school rather than use public transport.
- If travel by bus is the only way, maintain social distancing and follow latest government guidance is to use a face mask.
- If travelling by private car ensure single households only travel together.

**What happens if my child falls ill at school or shows Covid-19 symptoms?**

- Students who say they are ill or show Covid-19 symptoms will be sent to the medical room where they will be assessed and then sent home.
- Before sending home we will contact parents/ carers to inform you that we are sending your child home so please ensure you are available to answer, or the emergency contact person is available.
- Ideally, you should be able to come and collect them as soon as possible, or if we have your permission, we will send them home.

**How will Year 10 attend school?**

Not all of year 10 will return at once, nor for a whole day, instead we will have a phased return – the first two phases are set out below:

**Phase 1** (planned for week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June): Students meet a teacher for a one to one mentor meeting (on the patio) for 40 minutes which is to capture their needs as well as preparing them for phase 2 which is being taught in classrooms.

**Phase 2** (planned for week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June): Students will be taught in classrooms and remain with the same 'bubble' of students each week. Students will be in school once a wee being taught English, Maths and Science.

We will continue to review this with the aim of increasing the variety of subjects taught for phase 3.

**Phase 1: How will this work?**

- Students need to use the school portal (like parent's evening) to sign up to a mentoring session with a teacher.
- Students must arrive at the time they have signed up for and queue using the social distancing markers.
- If students arrive too early, they must either queue using the social distancing markers set out, or if they cannot undertake this safely, return home.
- Students will be temperature checked using an infrared thermometer.
- For the mentoring session, students will sit at a bench on the patio which is socially distanced away from other students and staff.
- The teacher mentoring will be sat opposite, but two metres away.
- Students need to bring water as the water fountains will be closed.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for students and benches will be cleaned after every meeting.
- Students who need the toilet, must follow the one-way system and use the toilets (opposite the Y11 canteen exit).

## **How Phase 2 will work: Regular routines**

### **On arrival**

- Students need to arrive at school in time for when their session starts and ensure they socially distance while they are waiting.
- Ten minutes before their session begins, students will be asked to line up in their teaching groups using the socially distant guides on the floor.
- Students will be temperature checked using an infrared thermometer.
- Students will then enter the building group-by-group via the patio and use the toilets opposite the Y11 canteen to wash their hands – this will be undertaken with social distancing of 2 metres and supervised by staff.
- Staff will lead their groups to their classroom using the one-way system.
- Pupils will be registered within the first 15 minutes of the day on a shared google sheet by their class teacher.
- Staff will be signed in at reception where there will be a hand sanitizer pump for their use on arrival.
- Staff will be temperature checked using an infrared thermometer.
- B Block, T Block and the PE corridor will be out of bounds and there will be a one-way system in place to support social distancing.

### **What will happen at break and lunch times?**

- The breaks and start times for each teaching group will be staggered: If breaks or lunches overlap, we will ensure that they are in separate locations.
- Students need to bring in their own food and water.
- Students will socially distance on the school field and this will be split in to two with rope so the school for vulnerable students and key worker students are on one side and year 10 the other.
- In the event of wet break, the school will open the patio for year 10 and the hall for keyworker/vulnerable group.

### **At the end of the day:**

- It is students' responsibility to tidy their work space in the classroom before they leave which means take home their work, exercise books, pens, water bottles etc. and bring them the next time they are in school: Students are not allowed to leave anything at school.

### **Fire Safety**

- In the event of a fire evacuation then students and staff will follow the green arrows as normal: This will mean that one way systems will not apply.
- The classes will line up at the front of the school on the school field as normal.
- Social distancing should be maintained by students and staff throughout.