

Year 10 and 12 Returning to School– Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Why have you opened?	The government have asked that schools provide the opportunity to Year 10 and 12 students of face to face time with their teachers as they are sitting exams next year and are therefore at a critical time of their education. We want to support our students as much as possible.
What if my child feels worried or anxious?	At the start at the end of the day there will be opportunities for students to share how they are feeling, and have any concerns addressed. In addition to this, there is a place set aside for students to share how they are feeling and receive support.
Why is it beneficial for my child to attend?	Specialist subject teachers are looking forward to delivering high quality face to face lessons which will support students at this critical stage of their education. This opportunity also supports students' wellbeing through contact with others and introduces a sense of community, normality and routine. Staff will also be able to address misconceptions which may have arisen over the last 9 school weeks.
What measures are in place to keep my child safe?	We are following the government advice “Implementing protective measures in school” and our plans have been checked by our Trust. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will have an induction on their first day, taken through a student friendly version of the way the school is currently working to ensure their safety and also the changes to the behaviour policy. • Students will not be arriving and leaving at the same time as other regularly attending students. • Students will wash their hands on arrival, before and after break/lunch time and at the end of the day before leaving the school site. • Year 10 have their own designated area with a welfare room. • Year 12 will use the Sixth Form area. • Students will not be sharing breaks or mixing with other students outside their year. • Students will have their own set of toilets. Only one student at a time is allowed to use the toilets. • Students will have their own area at break times.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no more than 14 students in any group or class and students will have their own desk and chair, seated 2+ metres apart. • There are markings throughout the school on the floor to ensure social distancing. • There is a one-way system clearly marked in operation. • There are staff supervising students at all times to ensure social distancing is maintained. • Teachers will not move between pods. • The school is deep cleaned daily, and door handle and surface cleaning is happening throughout the day. • There are limited numbers of students allowed on site each day in line with government guidelines.
Does my child need to wear a mask?	No, government guidance states that ‘the wearing of face masks in schools or other educational settings is not recommended’.
How will you ensure my child enters and leaves the school safely?	<p>There are social distance markings from the car park on the left of the drive way. Students should follow these remaining 2m apart until they are welcomed by a member of staff and asked to enter through the community entrance.</p> <p>We ask parents/carers to ensure students abide by social distancing and group sizes on the way to and from school and avoid public transport where possible.</p>
What is the community entrance?	This is the gate which leads into the refectory area (Pod 1)
What happens if students do not follow the new rules?	The behaviour policy has been updated and the changes shared with students to ensure they adhere to the health and safety rules. Breaches will be taken very seriously and dealt with robustly to ensure everyone’s safety.
What if my child is unwell?	<p>Students who are unwell and displaying any symptoms should stay off school and they and their families should arrange a test.</p> <p>Please contact the school to advise us that your child is unwell, providing the details of any symptoms.</p>

<p>How have the groups been decided?</p>	<p>Students have been grouped using their Triple Science and Maths sets so that work can be tailored appropriately.</p>
<p>How do staff and students feel who are currently at school?</p>	<p><i>“I feel completely safe in the school, there are kind, considerate and thoughtful measures in place to keep us safe. I appreciate everything the school has done” Mr Hunt</i> <i>“It’s great being in school and teaching in the classroom. The school is really well set up and organised; students really understand the importance and how to social distance” Mrs Edwards</i> <i>“I feel really safe at school” Mr McLachlan</i> <i>“I am so happy being at school because I get all the support and help that I need from the staff that are working with my year group” Year 10 Student</i> <i>“I enjoy being at school as I am learning lots and have people that I can talk to and that are able to make me feel better. This is a hard time but it doesn’t feel hard when I am at school” Year 10 student</i></p>