



Dear Parent

As we approach our return to school next week, I am writing to give you further information. Please look out for our pupil video updates on our school website which explains to pupils several aspects of their return. You may prefer to view these, rather than work your way through this rather long letter; my apologies.

Staggered return for Year Groups

All pupils will return to school following a staggered approach in the first school week:

- Years 7 & 11 return on Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Years 8 & 10 return on Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Year 9 return on Friday 4th September 2020;

By Friday, 7th September all pupils will have returned to school. The school will not be open to pupils until 8.30am. Pupils may wait in their Year holding area from 8.15am. (See below). Pupils should be in full school uniform on their first day.

Face coverings

You may have seen in the press the Government decision re the use of facemask/coverings in schools in local lockdown areas, such as Burnley. **Therefore, the use of face masks/coverings by staff and pupils on corridors and social areas in schools is now compulsory.** Face masks/coverings are not compulsory in classrooms but may be worn if pupils or staff prefer to do so. We will review this decision regularly. Pupils will be given lessons on the correct use and disposal of facemasks on our return. Please let Ms McCue know if you believe that your child is exempt from the wearing of facemasks.

Pupil Entrances, Exits and Holding Areas

Each Year group will enter the building via their designated entrance. Parents will not be permitted to park in staff car parks. Entrances/exits and holding areas are as follows;

- Year 7-Top gate-holding area outside of top gate and footpath;
- Year 8-Entrance via footpath on Mick Ennis way on route to Spirit of Sport building-holding area on the footpath;
- Year 9 -Entrance through staff car park (car park will be locked at 8.15 and pupils will use the designated footpath) – holding area Main Yard;
- Year 10 - Main Entrance-holding area external space outside of Main Reception;
- Year 11-Theatre Doors-holding area in the Theatre

Pupils must wear face masks/coverings on entry to the building and keep them on until they enter their classrooms.

Parent and Pupil Booklets

Please find attached a more detailed booklet with additional information you may find useful, for example, details regarding school procedures including times of the day and arrangements for lunch etc.

Buses

Full information regarding school buses, including the routes and timetables is available on the school website and is also available in the Parent/Pupil booklet.

Zoning of Year Groups and Pupil Bubbles

All pupils will put on their facemask/covering and will sanitise their hands as they enter the school building, and they will go directly to their Year bubble. Break and Lunch times have been amended to ensure that there is minimal contact between the bubbles whenever possible. The vast majority of lessons for all pupils will be in their designated Year bubble. For many pupils, the majority of lessons will be in one classroom Homebase. Teachers will move around the school to deliver academic subjects such as, English, History, Geography, MFL and RE. Pupils will be taught some specialist subjects outside of their bubble. In these lessons there will be heightened procedures including wiping down work stations and the use of hand sanitiser.

Please refer to my letter available on the school website from last week for information concerning Uniform, Behaviour, P.E., Equipment, Catering, Lockers and Social Distancing.

Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms;
- someone in their household is showing symptoms.

Arrange a test if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform your us of the results. If the test is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process

Parents are encouraged to visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school and to refer to **Government Guidance for the Re-opening of schools**: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>.

We are so excited to be back next week and working with your children face to face. I am sure that many of the children will be a little nervous and that for others, getting out of bed in the morning will be a challenge. We will be doing lots of work to support pupils' health and well-being over the coming weeks. I'm sure that there will be some ups and downs in this next phase but rest assured that we will work together to engage your children in an exciting and ambitious curriculum whilst providing as safe an environment as we can.

Thank you for your continuing support, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help whatsoever.

Yours sincerely



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