



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy

3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Update for Parents on Return to School in September

Yesterday Gavin Williamson announced the plans for the return to schools for all pupils from the start of September. This is a huge relief and it will be great to start again in September with all of the students back in school. The announcement was accompanied by a lengthy guidance document that we will work through and use to plan the logistics of how we will operate in September. We will issue more details as these are finalised, and I will give you an update before the end of term.

Key points

- All students in all year groups will return in September
- Wednesday 2nd September will be the first day back for the new Year 7 and Year 12 groups
- Thursday 3rd September will see all students back in school
- Students will return in full school uniform and will comply with our dress code expectations, including jewellery, hair colour and make-up. The exception to this will be the new Year 7's where uniform expectations have been communicated separately.
- We will deliver our usual Leventhorpe curriculum, we will address the needs of individual students requiring catch-up through targeted work and support. All students will follow the usual timetable.
- Some subjects will have specific constraints based on national guidance. For example, PE will not be having any contact sports until these are advised by Government.
- Some extracurricular activities will not run where risks of Covid-19 transfer are more significant. This will affect some Music Clubs and PE activities.
- In practical subjects where equipment is shared between students, we will have cleaning and hygiene routines in place to reduce risks of transfer.
- Trips and visits will be restricted to UK non-residential activities at the start of term. We are awaiting details regarding the timescale for resuming residential or overseas trips.
- We will deliver the curriculum through lessons in-school plus our normal home learning timetable. Teachers will not repeat in-school lessons by setting the work on-line as well.

Student Bubbles

The guidance advises schools to consider each year group as a bubble and to try to minimise movements and contacts between students in different year groups. As you can imagine this is very difficult in a secondary school context and the finalised guidance recognises this.

- It is likely that we will change the timings of our school day so that we do not have all of the students having break and lunch at the same time. We are reviewing the start and end time of the school day and these could change for September.



Leventhorpe

a business and enterprise academy

- Where students travel to school using chartered buses or public transport, they should try to sit with students in their Year group and they need to wear a facemask. Facemasks should be removed when they arrive at school. Please note, we are not the provider of the chartered buses to school. We will liaise with them over timings and the broad guidance, but we are not responsible for how they manage their services.

Attendance

- We are returning to our pre-lockdown expectations regarding attendance in line with national guidance.
- The only Covid-19 reason for authorised absence is if you are following clinical or public health advice to keep your child out of school. This will no longer include shielding.

Site Adaptations and Hygiene Routines

- The site will have changed and there will be specific guidance issued around movement and routines around the school buildings. This will include one-way systems and how to queue when this is necessary.
- Students will need to wash their hands regularly and use the sanitiser stations in classrooms and shared areas. This will include sanitising hands on arrival at school.
- Students need to follow 'catch it, bin it, kill it' advice for coughs and sneezes.
- We will have enhanced and more frequent cleaning of the site and facilities during the school day.

We will spend time with students in the first days in September explaining expectations and the adaptations to site.

The Government also issued some guidance for parents and carers regarding the return to schooling in September. The link is below:

<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/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

I will update you all with more information before the end of term. Guidance for students and parents will also be made available on the school website.

Many thanks,

Yours faithfully
Malcolm White
Headteacher