



Coming back to school

We have put together some information that will help you to understand the provision we have put in place for your return school during the Covid - 19 crisis.

The safety and wellbeing of students, staff, parents and carers is our utmost priority and we have a clear action plan, measured against risk assessments, in place. **Things will be different for the rest of this term** and we want to make sure that you know exactly what you can expect of us, and what **we expect of you**.

Returning to school may make you feel unsettled and anxious. We want you to know that this is normal, and that there are people around you who can support you and get you the help you need.

We will be working tirelessly to make sure that your wellbeing and involvement in school remains high and your enjoyment of school and all it has to offer continues to grow. There will be changes made to the way in which you are going to learn. These changes will mean that school will be quite different from what you are used to, but they are very important. They need to happen to keep you, the people you live with, your teachers **and** their families safe.



Try to keep more space than normal between yourself and others.

What will happen when I arrive at school?

There will be staff on the gate to greet you and direct you to the toilets where everyone will wash their hands. You will then be directed to the room you will go to first. You might be tempted to mix with your friends and hug them after not seeing them for such a long time. However, it is really important that you follow the instructions straight away, and stick to the markings that have been laid out on the floor. Our social distancing rules are in place for everyone's safety and we expect your best effort to follow them.

Who can I socialise with when I am at school?

The last few months have been hard for everyone, and we have all had to make big changes to the way we live. After such a long time away from your peers we do expect that you will want to socialise and catch up with your friends. There will be a lot of opportunity to talk and discuss in your lessons.

The playground will not be available for you during the times you are in school.

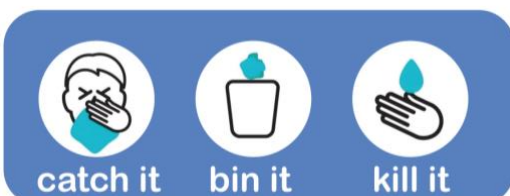
Where will my lessons be and how do we move around the school?

Year 10 lessons will take place in the East Building, and Year 12 in the ILC. You will be able to use particular rooms allocated to your class. Some areas of the building will still be out of bounds.

There will be a one-way system of moving around the building with specific instructions for queuing and which stair cases to use. Don't worry as there will be plenty of teachers to guide you to where you should be, as well as signs to remind everyone.



What about hygiene and using the toilets?



Just as you have been doing, you will be asked to wash your hands more often. Your teachers will also provide you with hand sanitiser as well as give you special instructions on hygiene.

As always, we try not to leave a lesson to use the toilet. This rule will remain the same. During other times of the day there will be no more than two people in the toilet at any one time. A member of staff will be around this area to support with this.

Our expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal are in line with the "catch it, bin it, kill it" message, that you will have already heard of. You must avoid

touching your mouth, nose and eyes, and do your absolute best to respect everyone around you. We have clear expectations about this and any student coughing at, or towards any other person may be sent home.

What do I do if I feel unwell?

If you start to feel unwell, don't worry. Just let your teacher know and they will alert a member of staff to take you to reception.

What will my lessons be like and do I need to bring any equipment?



You will be given a timetable, which your tutor will explain to you. The start and finish times of the school day will also be different. This is to ensure that you are able to travel to and from school safely.

Not everyone will be coming back to school at the same times. You may not see all of your peers, all of the time. You may not have your own class teacher all of the time. There might also be some changes to the kinds of activities you do in lessons. You might not do as much partner or group work as you used to, but your teachers will be working hard to make sure your learning will be purposeful and fun.

Your classroom might look a bit different. Your desks will be spaced out, and you will have your own allocated area to work from. Seating plans must be adhered to at all times. This is for everyone's safety. Your classrooms will be cleaned regularly.

You won't have to wear your uniform, but we do expect a sensible dress code, with no hats and hoods allowed. If you arrive to school dressed inappropriately, you may be sent home.

There will be new rules about not sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles. Therefore, you will need to make sure you bring your own stationery, exercise books and subject specific equipment including your calculator. You won't be able to access your locker.

What are the arrangements for eating?

When you have lunch breaks they will take place in the Dining Hall. You will bring packed lunch unless you are entitled to a free school meal, or have paid for one.



During lunch break you won't be able to go outside to use the playground. This is to ensure that we are all sticking to the social distancing needed. You will be seated in pairs (2m apart) so can talk, or you may wish to bring a book! We are hopeful that if all goes well we may be able to adjust this rule over the coming weeks.



Any food should be disposed of safely and placed in bins, and there will be plenty of staff to help if you are unsure about anything.

What happens at the end of the day?

At the end of your teaching session your teacher will escort the class off site, and say goodbye to you at the gates. At the moment we will not be running any after school clubs or interventions.

The playground will be out of bounds after school hours.

Our Values: Respect, Integrity, Kindness

Our behaviour policy defines the minimum expectations of students at all times. Our expectations are underpinned by our school values. Our values also demonstrate our commitment to the UNCRC.

Article 19 states Children have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, physically or mentally.

- All students will respect their own safety and the safety of others

