

Year 10 return to school: 28 questions and answers for pupils and their parents

1. When is the first date year 10 pupils can return to school?

We are looking forward to welcoming you from the 15th June.

2. How will I get to school?

You can walk, cycle or get dropped off. Avoid public transport if you can. For the sake of your own health and your family members you **MUST** observe social distancing on the way to school, on the way into school and on the way home. We will help remind you about this in school but on your way to and from school it is your responsibility.

3. What happens when I arrive at school?

You will be welcomed on the gate (2) and then you will go straight to your own area (H block). You will be based in either H15, H16 or H26 as these classrooms provide us with enough space to ensure safe social distancing/

4. What time should I arrive?

If you are on site, you will need to arrive at gate 2 between 9:45 and 9:55 for a 10 am start. Do not arrive too early as you will not be able to access your bubble and want to keep your arrival separate from the arrival of Keyworker children.

5. Why will I be in such a small group?

This is to keep you safe. In a small group you will be able to maintain the government's required social distance of 2 meters.

6. Where will I have my lessons?

You will have your lessons in one classroom (H15, H16 or H26). You will stay in the room and the teachers will come to you but a teacher will be there to welcome you in the morning. Your personal timetable will tell you where to go.

7. How many lessons will I have a day?

You will have 2 lessons and a tutorial when you are attending on site with 4 or 5 lessons a day online. You will come to school for 1 day a week, the same day for the next 5 weeks.

8. What if I am feeling worried or anxious, what support will be available?

We have designed tutorial sessions to support this but we are also making the school counsellor available for the first two weeks to help you settle in and adjust.

9. Will I have my normal teacher?

Not necessarily, but you will be taught by a subject specialist and your normal teacher will have been involved in planning your lessons.

10. What will the teachers teach me?

The teachers will have planned their lessons very carefully to help with the difficult things you have covered already and will also teach things that are trickier to grasp on your own.

11. Who else will be in my group with me?

You will be in a group of pupils who take the same range of subjects as you and who are studying at the same level as you (e.g. foundation or higher maths).

12. How many other pupils will I be with?

You will be in a group of from 8 – 11. We have put you in really small groups so you can keep 2 meters apart. The great thing about being in a small group is you will be able to get a lot of help.

13. What will the classroom look like?

The classroom will have tables spread out 2 meters away from each other? You will have a table to yourself.

14. Have I got to carry on with home learning?

Yes! You will have slightly less home learning but home learning will still be your main education for the rest of this term.

15. Why can't I have face to face lessons in all my subjects

It would not be possible to organise a full timetable and still arrange the social distancing based on a bubble approach.

16. What will happen at break?

You will have time for a snack and a drink in class which will be provided for you. You will not mix with other pupils from other groups. This is to keep you and your family safe.

17. What about school uniform?

We want you to come to school in your uniform minus the tie and blazer. This is because the government recommendation is that you wash your uniform daily.

18. Can I wear a mask?

No, in school you will not be allowed to wear a mask. This is because the government guidelines stipulate that you should not wear masks as they increase the risk of infection in a school setting.

19. What do I need to bring?

You need to bring your pencil case and you can bring your own snacks. You must also bring enough water to drink in your own bottle.

20. What about school rules?

The normal school rules will apply, but you will have to follow the government guidelines about social distancing too.

21. What will happen if I don't come to school?

You will miss the chance for some face to face support from your teachers and this will put you at a disadvantage. We understand that you may have to stay at home for health reasons, in which case we will support you via additional remote learning.

22. What will happen to people who don't follow the social distancing rules?

We will support students in keeping to social distancing rules but we also have to prioritise the safety of students, staff and their families, if students are behaving in an unsafe way they may be asked to leave the site, if there are serious breaches of the health and safety guidelines students may not be able to attend again and we may be required to contact the police

23. I have an underlying health condition can I come back?

You will have to get advice from your doctor and then we will work out a risk assessment with you and your parents to support you to come back.

24. I am worried about coming back to school who will support me?

Everyone is likely to feel a bit nervous but everyone will support you and the pastoral support team will be available if you need some additional reassurance or help.

25. I am worried about all the work I have missed – who will support me?

All your teachers will support you. If you have been keeping up to date with your home learning you will have missed less work than you think. Try to remember that everyone is in the same situation as you. If you have got especially behind we will work with you to come up with an action plan.

26. What happen if someone in my class gets ill with symptoms

They will be sent home to isolate and book a test. If the test is negative you do not have to do anything, you can continue to come to school as normal. If their test is positive you and the rest of your class will be asked to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days in line with current Government guidance.

27. How can I protect myself and my family from contracting Covid19

There are two big things you can do. One is be strict with yourself and adhere to social distancing – make it become a habit and the second thing is to regularly wash your hands. We will explain some of the science to you when you come back.

28. What should I do if I have any worries or concerns?

Contact Mr Higgins or Mrs McRae Smith and they will deal with your concerns directly