

## PARENTAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Communication and the start of term

Will the children have any communication with form tutors before returning?	There will be no personal communication from link pastoral staff prior to the start of term but there will be reminders about expectations sent from Heads of Year and Heads of College. Students will also have comprehensive information provided on their first day back to school.
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### Transport

Question	Response
Can you advise of the process for students that take a school bus to school - will the timings be as normal and will the bus be timetabled to wait to ensure all students from all bubbles can be transported home?	School bus times will remain the same and the arrival and departure to and from school will be managed.
What provision for social distancing is mandated for the journey and is PPE required for the journey by bus?	<p>With regards to rules for social distancing on the bus routes, we have been informed by HCC transport that social distancing will not be required on LA contracted transport and HCC are therefore planning to run these contracts as normal although with additional health and safety precautions to minimise the risk of spreading infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary aged pupils will be encouraged to wear face coverings</li> <li>• Contractors will be required to provide hand sanitiser on all buses/coaches, drivers if possible, will wear face masks and (if not screened) will leave the vehicle when pupils are entering/exiting</li> <li>• Schools must provide active supervision of bus/coach loading to ensure that:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils enter and exit vehicles on a "First in, last out" basis to avoid passing on vehicles</li> <li>- Pupils sit (as far as possible) in the same seat, with the same student on every journey to minimise contact</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Schools must ensure pupils are able to wash/sanitise their hands when arriving at school</li> <li>• Vehicles will be cleaned regularly</li> </ul>
Where shall the students who travel by bus wait on arrival as they arrive before their allocated timeslot?	<p>The bus and coach operators have indicated that it is very unlikely that they will have the capacity to support staggered start/finish times.</p> <p>Students will be separated upon arrival and accommodated in holding areas prior to the start/end of their school day.</p>

### Teaching and Learning

How will the student's curriculum and GCSEs be affected if practical lessons are limited for creative learning?	Staff have amended the curriculum to ensure all elements will still be covered during their courses. Ofqual have adjusted many assessment processes for externally examined courses.
Will children receive their timetable before returning to reduce further anxiety about changes?	Yes, students in Years 8-11 will receive their timetable before returning in September. Year 12 and 13 will be issued their timetable during their first day back
Are the students still able to have a mobile phone for coming to and from school?	Yes, the policy remains the same

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Will extracurricular clubs be stopped? And if so, how can we encourage physical activity?	Extra-curricular activities will be postponed initially but we aim to restart them in the first few weeks once our systems are embedded. The PE department will continue to encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle through weekly challenges.
Is there likely to be a catch up provision for those whose grades have dropped, or will the school see how this goes?	Support and intervention sessions are planned initially for Year 11 and support for other year groups will be added following the initial internal assessments.

### Behaviour and well-being

Will there be leniency towards being slightly late to class in first week or so with changes to school?	Students will be walked through the changes to the routines and we will continue to support students with this during the first few weeks. Staff will make a professional judgment with each behaviour incident.
How will you support girls and their toilet use? Many will get a period unexpectedly and need to go to the toilet. Such incidents can't wait for designated times.	In exceptional circumstances students can use the toilet for medical reasons. Students can request a medical card if they have a temporary issue

### Health and safety

Please could you give more clarification on how social distancing will work when in changing rooms and whether they are safe environments.	Where possible changing rooms have been modified by removing the benches to add additional space. The PE curriculum has also been amended so that there are reduced numbers changing for each PE lesson.
Can students wear their PE kit to school when they have PE/Dance during period 1?	Yes – students can come into school in their PE kit if they have PE or Dance during period 1. Students must change at the end of the lesson for the remainder of the day.  Students will leave school in PE kit if they have PE or dance during period 6
How will effective cleaning take place in bubbles?	The cleaning of desks and equipment will take place when there is a change of year group bubble in a classroom.
How will shared resources be managed?	Resources are being provided for year group bubbles and will be cleaned regularly.  <b><i>Students must have all of their required equipment and to reduce the amount of sharing, we would like to encourage students to bring their own headphones to IT lessons.</i></b>

### Other matters

Will the children be allowed to bring in their own packed lunch?	Yes
Have the dining arrangements been changed?	Yes – the catering company will still be providing a full range of food and drinks, but the provision will be grab and go. Dining furniture has been removed Lunch periods will be staggered between year groups Students will have designated indoor and outdoor areas for lunch.