

Return to School Frequently Asked Questions

What measures have you put in place to keep students safe?

We have put in place a number of measures to keep students safe on their return in September but these will largely follow two general principles of zonation and staggering times. We will also be following best practice around hand sanitising and ensuring hygiene practices are followed. Students will be expected to sanitise their hands on arrival as well as before and after all lessons. Students will be zoned by year group and will only come into contact with students in that year group including at break and lunch time. This will be further supplemented by the fact that students will have their own stairwells, lunch time space and outdoor space away from other year groups. In the morning and after school we will be operating staggered start and end times to ensure that students do not mix upon arrival or exit from the school. We will also be undertaking additional and enhanced cleaning of the site at all times across the school day and when the students have left any area. In order to ensure that we are abiding by all health and safety guidelines any student who cannot stick to the new rules will be asked to work from home in order to protect other student and staff on the school premises.

What will happen if I don't feel safe bringing my student back in September?

The current government guidance is that all students must be back in September unless there is a valid medical reason why this cannot be the case. If there is a valid medical reason this needs to be discussed with the school and evidence provided to support this. Any absences, unless they have prior authorisation, after the 7th September will be marked as unauthorised attendance.

Will the school be testing students for coronavirus in September?

As a school we do not have access to testing facilities above and beyond what is provided by the government. There is a testing facility at Lea Valley and this may well remain in September. If any staff member or student is exhibiting symptoms in September then they will be expected to get a test and inform the school so that adequate measures can be put in place. This may mean that bubbles of students are put into isolation for 14 days and for these students we will revert back to home learning while other students remain on site. This is why it is vitally important that students remain in their bubbles to ensure that we do not have a need to close the whole school at any point.

What will the uniform expectations be in September?

The uniform expectations will remain the same in September including the school blazer, black school shoes and dark grey trousers or skirt. We expect parents to follow usual hygiene practices in regards to the washing of school uniform.

In regards to face masks there is no expectation that students will wear them in school and unless they are arriving on public transport they should avoid wearing them in the local community as there is no need to do so. Should a student wish to wear a mask in school it needs to be a plain colour medical mask. If the school deems a particular mask as inappropriate then the student will be asked to remove it.

What will happen in September regarding students who are late?

We understand that there may be issues regarding lateness in September due to public transport issues with potential overcrowding on buses. We ask that as parents you try where possible to avoid lateness and as a school we will deal with issues on a case by case basis in September as issues arise.

What time will students be arriving and exiting in September?

Students will begin their period 1 lesson at the following time. It would be useful to help with managing students on the premises if students arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before their lesson begins. The school gates will not open before 08:15.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Entry	Leaving Time	Exit
7	8:40am	Main Gate	3:30pm	Belling Crescent
8	9:00am	Belling Crescent	3:20pm	Belling Crescent
9	9:00am	Main Gate	3:30pm	Main Gate
10	8:40am	Belling Crescent	3:10pm	Belling Crescent
11	8:30am	Main Gate	3:10pm	Main Gate

When collecting students please remember that there is minimal parking on the road and the best place to park to collect is the Tesco carpark. At present we will not be offering after school clubs or academic intervention to ensure that students are off site as promptly as possible to ensure the building is cleaned for the following day.

Will students still do line up?

Line up will occur in the morning, after break and after lunch as usual. This may now occur in a new part of the school.

I have two children in different year groups can they be dropped off at the same time?

Unfortunately, students must arrive at the allocated time above in order to ensure that bubbles maintain adequate social distancing from other year groups. There is a maximum time in the morning of 25-30 minutes if you had students to drop off in Year 11 (8.20-25am) and Year 8/9 (8.50am) and should you need to wait we would recommend using the Tesco car park to do so. Again at the end of the day the largest gap between year groups leaving school is 20 minutes.

What days are students back in September?

Students will begin to come back from the 7th September unless we hear otherwise from the government. There will be a staggered start to the year with the following year groups having their first day back on the following dates:

- **Year 7:** Monday 7th September
- **Year 10:** Wednesday 9th September
- **Year 9:** Thursday 10th September
- **Year 8:** Friday 11th September

On Monday 14th September the Year 11s will come back in and this will mean all year groups are back in the school. Please note that all dates above are the first day back and every day

afterwards is compulsory attendance. For example, on Wednesday 9th September the Year 7s will be in alongside the Year 10s.

How long will these arrangements be in place?

We would love to be able to give you an answer to this question but unfortunately we cannot do so. When any changes are made it will be based on the latest government guidance so we await further changes from the DfE.

What will the situation be like with food in September?

All students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with these in September. The canteen will also be serving hot and cold food at lunch time to ensure students have access to food. However, the students will not have access to the canteen at break time to buy a snack because there is not enough time to clean it between year groups and maintain our rules on hygiene and sanitising. Therefore should students require a snack before lunch time they will need to bring this from home.

Within their year bubbles, will the children be moving class to class to have their lessons?

For students in Year 7 and 8 they will study all of their lessons in form group bubbles. This will include subjects such as English and Maths which would usually be done in sets. In Year 9, 10 and 11 students will be expected to sensibly move around the corridor within their allocated area. This will mean fewer students moving about the corridors and they will only come into contact with students from their own year group. We have allocated the Year 10 and 11 students to parts of the building where they can still access materials and resources to undertake their GCSE learning without it being too disruptive to their learning.

How is the school planning to catch up with missed work?

We have had every year group back before the summer holidays with the Year 10s being on site for 5 weeks, Year 7s having had some school based learning over the last 2 weeks and Years 8 and 9 invited back in for sessions on separate days. All of this has been supplemented through the use of Google Classroom which has allowed teachers to upload and mark work for students. There is a limited expectation that this will be completed over the summer but work will remain there for students who want to complete it. This can be accessed without a laptop through downloading the app and work can be submitted by taking a photograph of handwritten work.

The Heads of the Maths and English departments have also been working with primary schools to put together a curriculum plan for September to help consolidate the learning from Year 6 into Year 7 and all departments have put in place consolidation curricula for the year groups to ensure learning gaps are filled and students do not miss out.

Finally, disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. If students are not behaving in lessons then they may be sent home to reflect on this in order to ensure that learning time is not lost and that all other students are allowed to learn effectively.