



## Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join our online 'Town Hall' meeting yesterday evening.

For anyone who couldn't make it, please find all of the relevant information below.

The meeting allowed me to explain how we are planning to start to open the school further next week to provide face-to-face time for Year 10 and Year 12 students.

At this point we do not know when other year groups will return and are, like you, awaiting government advice on this. We also don't know what school will look like in September so are planning to continue our online learning and help with access to this. If your child does not have a laptop for their individual use during the day please complete the survey sent out yesterday as we are trying to find solutions for individual pupils and this will help us manage our response.

In terms of opening up the school more for staff, Year 10 and Year 12 pupils we have been planning this over the past few weeks, discussing with stakeholders including Governors, Sheffield Local Authority and the trade unions and as a result there are already a number of changes in school.

The photos below show you some of these changes that have been put in place.

**What the day will look like for your child when they return** – Year 10 and Year 12 pupils will attend for a 2 hour tutorial session one day a week.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the pupils again, however if any pupil is shielding or in a vulnerable category or if anyone in the household is shielding or vulnerable we do not expect those pupils to return.

We obviously are doing everything we can to control the risk of infection but, as with everything, we cannot 100% guarantee this and any pupil who is vulnerable should not attend school.

We have placed all pupils into pods – the pod is the day they will attend school. This will be ¼ of the year group. Within the pod we have split pupils into bubbles of between 5-10 pupils. Pupils will only be with their bubble and will not socialise with pupils in different bubbles.

Later this week you will receive a letter giving all these details. When pupils come to school we do not expect them to wear uniform as they need to be wearing clothes that can be washed when they get home to prevent cross infection. Obviously the same rules apply for this as on a non-uniform day and reminders will be in the letter.

We ask that pupils do not use public transport if at all possible and either walk, cycle or get dropped off at school. If they have no alternative and have to use public transport please remember they will need to wear a face mask as from next Monday or they will not be allowed on the bus/tram.

Your child should attend on their allocated day at their allocated time, start times are staggered to prevent pupils congregating and so it is important they do arrive at the time. All Year 10 pupils must enter through the Prince of Wales entrance and Year 12 through reception.

The staggered start means we can prevent pupils mixing and so prevent infection transmission. Year 10 pupils will use the entrances at the end of the technology corridor and the door by 1A5. It is important the all pupils follow the instructions and also follow the 2m social distancing at all times to help us ensure infection control. Start times will be between 9am and 10.15am and the letter will give your child's details.

We will register pupils and if a pupil is absent you will be informed by text message. If a pupil is late this could cause cross infection and so they must enter through reception and they will be escorted to their bubble room. Please ensure your child is on time to help us keep everyone safe. The bubble teacher will collect them and pupils will be expected to use the hand



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sanitiser provided before entering the site. They must not bring a bag or any equipment, everything they need will be provided and kept in school, again to control the infection. Hand sanitiser is available in each classroom and pupils will be encouraged to use this or wash their hands when entering or leaving the classroom. Social distance tape is on each corridor and pupils must adhere to this.

Year 10 pupils will only use classrooms on the 1B and 4B corridor, Year 12 pupils will only use classrooms on the 3C corridor. In the classroom desks and chairs have been spaced to ensure social distancing and pupils MUST adhere to this.

We have procedures in place for first aid, toilets and pastoral or behavioural issues. No pupil must leave a classroom unless escorted by a member of staff, again this way we can reduce cross infection between pupils as much as possible. We will provide all stationery required and will provide a grab bag with drink and cookie during the session. The session will include academic mentoring as well as some tutorial PSHE activities to support pupils in their continued home learning. Year 12 pupils will also have UCAS and careers activities. At the end of the session the pupils will be escorted off site and should go straight home and not wait for their friends. Again this is to prevent cross infection.

All classrooms will be deep cleaned after the session and full school deep clean will happen on a Friday when the bubble groups are not in school.

To keep everyone safe, no parent or visitors will be allowed on site without a pre-arranged appointment, if we need you to collect your child due to illness we will contact you and explain the procedure. We are hoping this will not happen but any pupil with symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend school for 7 days and is expected to undertake a test under the NHS Test and Trace programme. A negative result means the pupil can return to school. If the test is positive, staff and pupils in the same bubble are eligible to be tested and we will strongly encourage you to seek a test. They must then follow the test and trace procedures and all those in the bubble must begin self-isolation for 14 days from their last contact with the pupil even if they do not feel unwell. If the test is returned negative, they must still complete the 14 day self-isolation period. We will inform you immediately we have any information regarding possible or positive covid19 symptoms.

The in school provision for vulnerable and key worker pupils will continue as now, if a pupil in Year 10 is in this group we will discuss with them and their parents/carers which is the most suitable provision. It is not possible to be in the Year 10 bubbles and also the current in school provision.

You should have received a survey, we would be grateful if you complete it and return asap. This will help us with our planning of bubbles and ensuring we have the required staffing in place. We will send you details regarding your child's provision asap and hopefully by Thursday this week. This will give details of the day and time your child should attend. Thank you to all parents and carers for their support at this difficult time, we have never been in this situation before and are grateful of your support.

Again a huge thank you to everyone for your support over the past 12 weeks. We are moving into a new phase where we will be mixing in school provision, on line provision and live lessons. It is an exciting time but also challenging for us all as our primary aim is to keep all pupils and staff safe whilst we start to return to school. If you could complete the survey regarding your child's position asap we will be writing to you later in the week with your individual details.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. McShane  
Principal



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## Returning to school



Furniture has been removed and reception altered so that there are fewer things to touch. Please call school to speak to a member of staff – do not attend in person unless you have an appointment

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Seating and corridors have been marked out for 2m social distancing



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Classrooms have been altered so the pupils can sit 2m apart and teachers have a 2m space to work in

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Other restricted areas are taped off to show which areas are out of bounds or what equipment cannot be used



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We will provide everything pupils need for the session; Including a drink and snack, hand sanitiser and the stationery needed for the sessions  
Pupils must not bring bags or equipment with them to school

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There are lots of new safety signs up around the site, it is important everyone on site follows these





### Black Lives Matter

We, as parents, carers and educators, have the privileged job of raising and educating this generation of wonderful young people. And as both a parent and an educator, I know that this is a challenging time for them in many ways.

If students and staff were at Sheffield Park Academy right now we would have spent a considerable amount of time this week in assemblies and tutor time, in classrooms and in other captured moments, talking and listening to students about the dreadful and horrifying murder of George Floyd, and about all the other unjust atrocities that have taken place and continue to do so across the world.

# BLACK LIVES MATTER



We are a multicultural and multi faith academy with many languages and cultures and we celebrate that every day by making sure everyone is entitled to equal opportunities no matter what race, colour and religion you are, we reflect this by planning our curriculum to serve the audience and community we live in. This includes our Ace Days which encourage reflection on such important issues like how to deal with all forms of racism.

Around the academy, our display boards reflect the diversity of our student's cohort and many other cultures. The student council and the gold tie ambassadors (our elected student representation) make numerous key decisions which greatly supports the academy, the student council and gold tie ambassadors are run by students with different and varied backgrounds.

This week, to raise awareness of the Black Lives Matter movement, we have planned a series of lessons, which focus on the tragic murder of George Floyd.

This academic year we have celebrated Black History Month and International Week by inviting keynote speakers to our academy and celebrating such events in our classrooms with our staff and students.

I believe our young people feel safe at Sheffield Park Academy. I hope that your child believes, through being part of our diverse and inclusive school, that the staff and other students at Sheffield Park Academy know that Black Lives Matter. And it is true that until black lives really DO matter, all lives don't. This is not a world we want our young people to grow up in, like we have done. It must change. Our sons and daughters, our wonderful students, are the future adult generation of this country and we have to do our best to provide them with the education, the power and the determination to continue to make this change.

We, as a team of staff, are angry and upset as well, and we will turn this into action, into education and into a discussion that will span over the upcoming weeks and beyond.

We are against racism and injustice in all forms at Sheffield Park Academy.

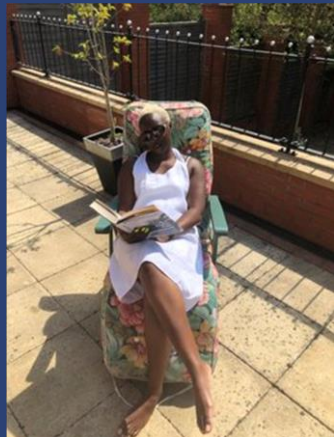
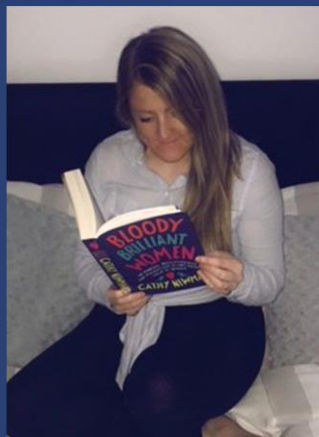
Mr S Khan. Head of Community



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## Reading

Reading is essential for students to develop the literacy skills they need to succeed at school and in their future lives. We have been sharing images of staff reading on our Twitter account (@SheffPark\_Acad) to hopefully inspire everyone to join us and pick up a book.



## IT Access.

We are not sure what school will look like in September at this point, however we know we will be continuing some form of on line learning to support school based learning.

Please complete the survey we sent out by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June if your child does not have access to a laptop for their use during the day, this includes if they are sharing a laptop with a sibling.

We are looking at how we can ensure every pupil has access to a laptop to help them work on line.

## Black Lives Matter

Are you wondering what the Black Lives Matter protests are about and how they have evolved over the years? Mrs Turner has put 3 excellent sessions together for you to go through to give you more information and let you know where you can find further information.

Make sure you get your information from a variety of sources.

These sessions will be set by your tutors.

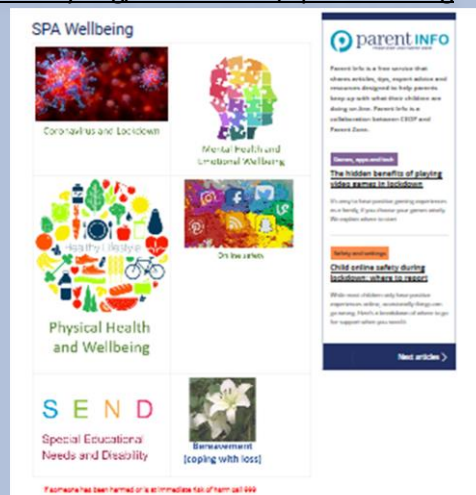
## Year 6 transition – Virtual Early Risers

The Virtual Early Risers website is up and running. Please go to <https://www.sheffieldparkacademy.org/> and click on the Virtual Early Risers bar to get to the page. You will find a number of different sections for parent/ carer and for students. If you have any questions about transition, please don't hesitate to call school on 01142392661 and ask for Mr Wainwright or Mrs Wesley.

## Emotional Wellbeing/Mental Health

Our Emotional Wellbeing/Mental Health web page continues to be updated regularly. This has been developed by us with information from our wonderful colleagues at Healthy Minds and Unravel. There is lots of information and links to apps, helplines, websites, videos and activities designed to support your emotional health. There is also lots of information to help parents and to help parents to support you too. Take a look!

<https://www.sheffieldpark-academy.org/information/spa-wellbeing>



## Podcast

Last weekend saw the 76th anniversary of D-Day. This podcast is the story of the 'Peoples Plane', the iconic Spitfire. If you follow the link you can subscribe and listen to interviews with the men and women who were involved in the production of the aircraft. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08c93hc>