

Town Hall Meeting 8th June 2020 Responses to Parent/Carer Questions

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Do 6th formers need to wear lanyards?	No. All pupils will be registered on arrival and as no visitors are allowed on site without a pre-authorised appointment we do not need VI Formers to wear their lanyards
Will we receive a copy of this information via email or post	Yes, the details are all included in this week's newsletter which is being sent out on Tuesday
How do I pick up/drop off my child?	Drop off and pick up must be in the top car park. Y10 pupils will need to walk round to the KS3 yard and straight to their entrance. They must not wait for other pupils.
Can my daughter bring her Epipen from home as she's needs to carry it at all times?	Yes, we do not want pupils to bring bags to school to help prevent infection but if someone needs an epipen they should bring it with them. There will always be a first aider on site whilst pupils are here.
Is this for current the year 10&12?	Yes, the face to face contact only applies to the current Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. All other pupils continue to work online at home.
Are you allowed to wear a face mask and/or gloves?	The advice is that PPE is not required to be worn in school. However, we appreciate that some people would feel happier wearing it. Gloves should not be used as they do not protect the pupil, we will insist on hand washing and use of hand sanitiser as these methods of infection control work best with Covid19. Face masks can be worn but must not be taken on and off as this will mean there could be greater risk of infection spread.
Will it still be possible for Y10s to remain at home and continue online learning?	Yes, the online learning will continue and will support the face to face sessions. In line with the current government guidance, If a pupil is shielding or vulnerable, or lives in the same household as someone shielding or vulnerable we do not recommend they return to school at the moment.
What time will the sessions start? Sleep patterns are really messed up. Will this be taken into consideration?	Sessions will start between 9 – 10.15am with each bubble group given a specific time to attend. It is important that pupils attend at their allocated time and are not late, this is to help us prevent the possible spread of infection. Any pupil arriving late must go to reception and will be collected.
Is it non uniform?	Yes, we are not expecting pupils to wear school uniform as we want pupils to have their clothes washed after being in school to help prevent spread of infection. The usual rules apply in terms of clothes suitable for school.
If your child is vulnerable, will you be able to do online tutoring to help them?	Not initially but we are developing our online live learning which has started this week with Year 12 A level pupils. The online work will continue for all pupils.

Are there individual contact details for each subject teacher for parents in case we are worried about that subject and how our children are getting on?	No, however each pupil can reply to their form tutor and concerns will be passed to their subject teacher as necessary
Do the y10s attend school 5 days a week?	No, they only come in to school on their pod day and at their allocated time. You will receive a letter this week giving all the details for your child.
Can you explain the toilet pass situation again please?	If a pupil needs the toilet or first aid we will use the on call system and they will be escorted to where they need to go. This is to prevent pupils walking around the school and mixing with other bubbles.
If you come in to school on one of the school days, do the children still have to complete the work for that day?	Yes, the session is only 2 hours and we would expect the pupil to keep up with their work. It maybe that they complete the work at a different time, but all work set is important and should be completed.
How big is each 'bubble' if every student attended?	Each bubble will be between 5 and 8 pupils
Are we right to assume that the two hours will have no breaks, ie students arrive, sit in a room, and then leave for home?	Yes, during this time the pupils will stay in the same room and a snack (drink and cookie) will be brought to the room. It is important that we keep the bubbles separate at all times to prevent transmission of the infection
What if students need a bag to use for toiletries etc?	We do not want any pupil to bring a bag to school to help us prevent transmission of infection. Sanitary products will be available in the female toilets and only one pupil at a time will enter the toilet.
I'm still shielding my 12 weeks aren't up till the 15th June would we be better waiting till we know the next stage for the shielding before sending my children into school?	Yes, we appreciate we are all waiting for the latest government advice. Please complete the survey we have sent out and keep us informed regarding the next steps for your children. If you decide they should come in to school at a later date please inform us the week before so we can ensure the correct staffing is available.
Will my daughter have to attend school as she's asthmatic and so her brother and sister as well as me and her older sister is in the at risk category as she's got no immune system?	No, in line with the current government guidance if a pupil is shielding or vulnerable, or lives in the same household as someone shielding or vulnerable we do not recommend they return to school at the moment.