



The Bolsover
School

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ's

Phased return to school for Year 10 students from June 15 2020

How you intend to run the day?

I am sure that you will understand that we are yet to fully finalise all aspects and finer details of the content of the timetable for the school day. This will be dependent on the availability of staffing and the number of students who inform us that they are going to return to school from 15 June. It is hoped that the day will run from 8.30am – 3.00pm. The maximum number of Year 10 students on site will be 37 each day, across 4 days (Monday – Thursday). Social distancing and handwashing protocols will be adhered to throughout the day and regular cleaning of work areas are planned to take place. The school site has been modified to include yellow spots on the ground at 2m intervals in areas where we perceive students will need to queue to enter the building or line up in case of a fire evacuation. Corridors will operate one way systems and markings have been placed on the floor at 2m intervals to ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to. All non-fire doors and classroom windows (weather permitting) will remain open. There will be a slight staggering to the end of the school day to ensure all students leave the school site safely. Regular hand washing will take place throughout the day and hand sanitizer stations are being put up around school.

Who will the students will be mixing with?

As a Senior Leadership Team, we feel that in order for social distancing to take place within a single classroom the class size will be a maximum 8 students. Within the classroom, desks will be numbered and students will sit at the same desk throughout the day while they are in that classroom. For the core subjects of English, maths and science we do not envisage the students moving at all and it will be the specialist class teacher who moves rooms. The guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools> states that some mixing between groups may be unavoidable in order to provide support from subject teachers. In order to enable students to receive support from subject specialist teachers in their option subjects some mixing may take place within the timetable however, this will be kept to an absolute minimum wherever possible.

What will happen during breaks and lunches?

The school dining room will remain closed for the rest of the summer term and all students and staff will be required to bring in packed lunches, drinks and snacks from home. We are planning for the students to eat their packed lunches either within their allocated classroom (if poor weather), or in a designated area outside. Each group will be allocated an outside area where they can eat their lunch and gain some fresh air during break and lunchtime. Staff will be on duty to ensure that social distancing guidelines are followed.

What are class sizes likely to be?

Based on the vast majority of our classrooms this will be a maximum of 8 students in a group.

Will they be with different students throughout the day or will they stay within the same group each day/weeks?

The aim is that the group of students who attend on a specific day will be the same each week however, some mixing of groups maybe required within the day to allow specialist teachers to teach their subjects to the students.

Will they be in their sets or will these groups be of mixed ability? Therefore, how will GCSE subject be tailored to each student?

The students will not be placed in their normal sets and it maybe that there are some mixed ability groups. This is something that Mrs Knowles will look at once she receives all the information back from parents in relation to which students will be attending from 15 June. With the groups being much smaller than normal we hope that the subject specialist will be able to provide differentiated work wherever possible, to meet the needs of all the students within their teaching group.

Will students be taught by subject teachers or will they be allocated one teacher for the day?

It is our intention to implement a plan that wherever possible, subject specialist staff will be teaching the students upon their return. This may not be the same teacher that your child had for her subjects prior to the school closing, but we aim for it to be a member of staff from that faculty. However, it may be the case that on some occasions your child may not have a subject specialist teaching their group. This will all depend on staffing availability and we hope to minimise this where possible. If this does have to happen, it will be another qualified teacher from the school leading the lesson and the work will be set by the subject specialist for the students to complete.

How will the school bus service be secured, safe and clean?

In relation to the bus services used by students travelling to school, we are following the transport guidance set by the government and the local authority. The paragraphs below have been taken from an email with the Local Authority;

As from Monday 15 June Government advice it will be mandatory to wear face masks or coverings on public transport or in public spaces where it is difficult to socially distance. I think this principle should apply to school transport. We have also surveyed operators and most appear to be making plans

to issue masks, gloves and hand sanitiser to drivers. Some (but not all) are also looking at the possibility of installing a perspex barrier between the driver and passengers.

Just to give you an idea, if 2m social distancing applies to transport, we anticipate that approximately 10 students can travel on a standard coach if they sit at every other window seat. The number increases slightly for double deck buses but obviously reduces for minibuses.

The government guidance can be found through the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>.

Will a staff member accompany the trips to enforce social distancing?

It is not in our plan to deploy staff members on school buses to enforce social distancing.

Will classrooms be thoroughly cleaned each night prior the next day starting?

We only plan on using a set number of classrooms based on the number of students who are in school. These classrooms will be deep cleaned by our facilities company (Mitie) at the end of each day in preparation for new students arriving the following day. We will also have an increased number of cleaners on site throughout the school day to ensure that all surfaces/toilet areas in use by students and staff are regularly cleaned to reduce the risk. If students are required to move classrooms in order to gain specialist input from a teacher, we aim for this to happen after a break to enable the cleaning staff to thoroughly clean any work stations so that they are clean and ready for new students to work at.

If I decide that my child will not return to school will these children be sent the work that the children are doing in school?

As a Senior Leadership Team we are still to finalise the exact plans relating to distance learning for Year 10 students who do not come into school. We will be meeting as a Team shortly to finalise these plans. I assure you that any student who is staying at home will not miss out and I aim to include information regarding how this will work within my communication with parents next week

Will my child be required to wear school uniform?

Yes, all students are required to wear school uniform from Monday 15 June 2020.