

## **Frequently asked questions regarding the provision in school for Year 10**

### **What can/should we bring to school?**

You may bring your own hand sanitiser, in fact, you are encouraged to do so. We will have plenty at the gates, at the entry to buildings and in classrooms. We will also take you for handwashing at the start and end of the day and during your break.

You may wear face coverings, and we encourage this if you travel on a bus. The school buses will not insist on this. Staff and pupils currently in school are not generally wearing face coverings because we are maintaining social distancing.

Do bring a bag, plenty of drinking water – *our water dispensers have been turned off for safety reasons* - and a snack or packed lunch - *as the cafeteria and dining room will not be open*.

You should not share any food or water you bring with you with any other pupils.

You will be asked to tuck your bag under your seat away from others. Please ensure you have a calculator.

### **What about expectations to social distance?**

Teachers will remind you as you arrive, and throughout the day, about distancing from others. Only pupils who have signed an agreement will be allowed on site.

If we need to remind you about our expectations, we will let your parents know. If we do this more than once, or if you cause us concern, then we will remove you from your learning area and we will ask your parents to collect you. We take the safety of everyone very seriously.

### **What should I wear?**

We are not asking you to wear your school uniform. We think this is easier for families, and we know that some of you may have grown out of shoes and other items, and it would be unreasonable to ask families to replace them at this time of year.

Please support us by checking your clothes are appropriate for school. This means no hats and caps, no crop-tops - as bare midriffs are not allowed - and so on. You may wear shorts but they must be knee length.

### **What will happen in the bubbles and classrooms?**

You will be in a 'bubble' or group of 8 pupils.

Bubbles are based on a number of things, including means of transport and maths groupings. We would expect you will know the other pupils in your bubble. We are unable to change days or bubbles as we have resourced our timetable well in advance.

During the day you will have a lesson of English, maths and science, as well as a guidance session. There will be a short break of 15 – 20 minutes.

We suggest you bring a bottle of water to drink and a snack or packed lunch to eat. You will eat your snack or packed lunch in your classroom with your bubble group.

Learning in lessons will support work that has been completed previously and at home. The aim is to build confidence and enthusiasm and help all our learners to practise their skills. It should also help you to work more effectively at home on the other days. If you usually have extra resources provided e.g. a larger font, or printed work, then this has been provided.

You will have a folder in school with equipment and work packs. This folder will all need to stay in school until their last session. You must bring a calculator. We have checked that this is safe to do. You cannot share a calculator with anyone else.

### **What other information will we get?**

You will get an email – *in your school email* - telling you which gate to enter.

- Gate 1 is at the front; it is the entrance nearest to *the cycle shed*
- Gate 2 is at the front of school; it is the entrance by the *bus bays*
- Gate 3 is *accessed* from the front of school; it is around the side of Humanities by the Canteen
- Gate 4 is half-way down the side-road; the road going to the back of school.

### **Buses/trains**

Everybody is being encouraged to avoid using public transport wherever possible. If you do, you must wear a face covering and observe social distance. Face coverings are not required on school buses, but we would advise they are worn. We will have bags for the safe disposal of face coverings at the entrances to the school.

The times of transport are still being confirmed and we will share just as soon as we know.

### **What happens next?**

We don't know what the arrangements September will look like. We really want to have all our pupils attending school as 'normal'.

We know we will be planning over the summer, and we will continue to keep in touch with you each time we know more information.

Thank you to all families for your positive and supportive approach.