

Covid-19 FAQ on wider school re-opening

There exist useful websites with information that will assist staff wellbeing such as:

- [Employee Wellbeing](#), [MIND web site](#), [H&S COVID-19 web page](#)

Q. How will we implement social distancing?

- The path outside the ag6 entrance is clearly marked with lines that are 2 m apart to be a guide for pupils and staff;
- All corridors are clearly marked with lines that are 2 m apart;
- Where necessary, arrows indicate which way to walk on certain corridors;
- Social distancing signs are up throughout the school;
- All classrooms that will be used for Year 10 pupils are set out so that each pupil will sit 2 m from every other pupil, 2 m from the door and 2 m from the teacher;
- Pupils will move straight to their classroom and will then be supervised throughout the day;
- There will be no unsupervised break/lunch time;
- Staff will supervise pupils as they arrive on the school site;
- Group start times are staggered, so that a maximum of 15 pupils will arrive in school in a 10 minute period. This will be the same case during the day and at the end of the day;
- Parents/pupils have been reminded of the need to socially distance when travelling to school;
- Parents who are driving their child to school are asked not to share cars with other families;
- Other than when they first enter the school (which will be supervised) and when using the toilet, pupils will not use the school corridors.

Q. What are the classroom expectations?

- Pupils will attend in full school uniform
- There will be a seating plan for each classroom, with each pupil to an allocated desk
- Pupils are expected to behave in a respectful, polite and courteous manner at all times
- Pupils are not permitted to use the toilet during lessons unless they have medical reasons
- You should teach from the front and support pupils safely from a 2 metre distance
- Pupils are to be dismissed by the teacher one at a time to adhere to social distancing measures
- Other than when they first enter the school (which will be supervised) and when using the toilet, pupils are expected to remain in their allocated seats

Q. What if a pupil refuses to follow social distancing and other safety rules?

Where a pupil refuses to follow health and safety instructions, in any form, they will be asked to go home and will not be invited back for a face-to-face session for a specified period of time which will be decided on a case by case basis.

Behaviour that wilfully undermines the safety measures that the school has put in place or risks the safety of pupils or staff will not be tolerated. If incidents occur, then they will be treated as high-level behavioural incidents and sanctioned accordingly. Examples might include:

- Deliberately and consistently ignoring the social distancing measures put in place by the school, this also includes mixing outside their group.
- Spitting at another pupil/member of staff.
- Deliberately coughing at a pupil/member of staff.
- Behaviour or language that is intended to cause alarm or distress to pupils/staff about the current situation.

Q. Will there be hand sanitizer and/or sufficient hand washing facilities?

The school has purchased sufficient hand sanitizer that there will be bottles in each classroom. Additional wall-mounted hand sanitizer dispensers are on order.

Q. Is there additional cleaning during the day?

Yes, all classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned before each school day. Pupils are allocated a specific table and chair for their use alone, so this will not require cleaning during the day. High touch areas will be cleaned regularly during the day.

Q. Will I have any additional cleaning responsibilities as a teacher?

Yes, you will be required to clean the teacher's area, computer keyboard, mouse etc. at the beginning and end of each teaching session. Each classroom will be equipped with suitable cleaning products, together with the relevant COSHH hazard guidance. Please be aware that some cleaning products are bleach-based and so familiarise yourself with the hazard guidance before using them.

Q. Will staff and pupils be expected to wear masks and other PPE?

No, government guidelines are that PPE is not required for most activities in a school setting. Clearly PPE will be available if there is a suspected case of Covid-19. If you feel reassured in wearing a surgical face mask, you may do so but bear in mind that the evidence suggests that they are only effective in preventing you spreading the virus to others, rather than preventing your own infection.

Q. What will we do about the cleaning of shared resources?

There will be no shared resources between pupils and staff. The paper resources that are provided for each pupil will be taken home by that pupil and not shared. There will be a small number of spare pens/pencils available should a pupil be without.

Q. Will classrooms have sufficient ventilation?

Yes, please be mindful that you must ensure the doors are kept propped open, and keep windows likewise to maintain ventilation in the room.

Q. What if you or a pupil in your class shows symptoms during the day?

Contact SLG on call immediately. Any pupils showing symptoms will be escorted to ag+ and their parents contacted. Staff will be sent home to rest, and book a test.

Q. Will pupils have breaks during the day?

Pupils will have a short break between each lesson. Pupils may be able to use the toilet during this time (as a teacher, you must limit the number of pupils who leave the room at one time. Pupils are to remain in their chairs where they can speak with other pupils in the room.

Q. How is lunch organised for the pupils?

The lunch break is short (30 minutes). Pupils will eat their lunch in the ag6 dining area with the two Y10 groups having a staggered lunchtime to prevent mixing between groups.