

## **SHS FAQ: Year 7 (New Intake) Head of Main School, Mrs Schwarz.**



The School Covid-19 Risk Assessments have more specific detail about routines and measures that we are implementing for the foreseeable future. All of the risk assessments can be found in the Covid-19 File on the School website homepage.

You will also find a Year Group Zone document on the website that tells you entry points, base rooms and toilets. There is also a photograph sheet showing what classrooms look like with Covid-19 measures in place.

### **What should I do if I have the symptoms of coronavirus?**

If you display any of the symptoms of Covid-19, do not come to school, no matter how mild the symptoms are. If you are taken ill during the day, you will be taken to a “clean” medical room (Peri room by hall) and looked after, your parents will be called to collect you and take you home. Government advice is that schools should not call for an ambulance unless it is an emergency. Parents and students must then follow the government advice for those with symptoms, which are published on the NHS and PHE websites. Students are within a group eligible for testing.

### **Transport**

#### **What do I do if I need to use school transport and I haven't heard anything yet?**

If you have not received information regarding your school transport, please visit the Lincolnshire County Council website where you will find the relevant information including contact numbers.

The Council has published an update to its school and college transport guidance for parents and carers ahead of the reopening of all schools in September.

The updated guidance can be found at: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport/covid-19-information-school-transport/1>

### **First day at Spalding High School**

#### **Where do I go when I arrive on my first morning?**

You need to enter through the green gates at the left hand side of the school. There will be a hand sanitising station that you will need to use. You will be directed round to the sports hall where you will sit in an allocated area with your form. Your form tutor will collect you and take you to the Y7 zone and your form base room.

#### **Can my parent/carer bring me to school?**

Your parent/carer can walk with you to school or bring you by car. Parking will need to be away from the school site. There will not be a drop off point on the school site. Your parent/carer will **not** be allowed on the school site.

#### **What do I need to bring on the first day back in September?**

Bring a pencil case with basic writing and drawing tools. You may also want to bring a notebook. At this time only basic equipment is needed – your subject teacher will let you know if there is anything specific that you need. Bring your lunch, any snacks you need and plenty to drink. You need to bring enough water for the school day and your journey home. If you wish to use the canteen on the first day then you will be able to use cash (please have a collection of change with you).

#### **Will I need a school bag?**

Yes, you will need a school bag to bring your planner, pencil case and books to and from school. You will need space for your packed lunch and water for the day. Your mobile phone will be stored in your school bag during the school day. A rucksack style bag is easy to carry and will not take up too much space under your desk.

**Will I need to wear school uniform?**

Yes, full school uniform will need to be worn.

**Do I need to bring my PE kit?**

No, **do not** bring your PE kit on the first day.

**Can I bring my mobile phone to school?**

Yes, you can bring your mobile phone but once you arrive on the school site it must be turned off and stored in your school bag for the day.

**I am anxious about starting at the school.**

This is natural and you are not alone. We understand that this is difficult as you have not been able to visit school and meet your form tutor and members of the form. Please try not to worry. The staff are committed to helping you settle in to school and many things have been put in place to keep you as safe as possible.

**Do I need to bring work that I have completed at home for the activities provided on the school website?**

If you have completed a task for your form tutor then please bring this on the first day. If you have completed some or all of the subject activities then your teachers will enjoy seeing the work that you have done. Please bring these to your first lesson for the subject (you will know this once you have your timetable). Please do not worry if you have not been able to complete the tasks.

**What will I do on my first day?**

Your form tutor will collect you and take you to the Y7 zone and your form base room. You will spend the morning with your form tutor. They will spend time getting to know you and helping you to get to know other members of the form. You will receive a planner and a timetable. Your form tutor will explain your timetable and how to use your planner. At break and lunchtime, you will use your base room or the allocated outside area for Y7. In the afternoon, you will have your first two lessons.

**Will I be able to meet friends/siblings in other forms/year groups?**

If your friends are in Y7 then you will be able to meet with them outside at break and lunchtime. You will not be able to go into the form base room of another form. You will **not** be able to meet with friends or siblings in other year groups or go into the year group zone for a different year group unless you are being accompanied by a member of staff, for example to go to a lesson in a specialist room.

**What will I do at the end of the school day?**

Your final lesson of the day will finish a little earlier than the rest of the school. If you are walking home or being collected then you will be dismissed from the site via the green gate where you entered in the morning. (Remember that you cannot be collected from the school site and so you must arrange where you will meet your parent/carer).

If you are using school transport then you will be dismissed to the netball courts (the same as your Y7 outside area). You will be lining up in bus groups and social distancing will be applied. You will wait there in the line until your bus arrives and then you will be directed to the front of school to access your bus. Several staff will be on duty to help you. You must wear your face mask/covering on the School bus.

**General Health and Safety****Will I need to wear a face covering?**

We have always strongly advised staff and students to wear face coverings in school. This worked well in Term 6 when we had students in Y10 and 12 back for lessons.

The government had always said that face coverings are not needed in schools but this week they changed their mind and said that schools can decide, unless the school is in a local lockdown area in which case they must be worn. At the moment, this does not apply to our school, as we are not in a local lockdown area.

Students must wear face coverings on public and school transport.

In School, our current position is:

- We strongly advise staff and students to wear face coverings. Many staff will wear a face covering whilst teaching in classrooms and will also be maintaining a 2m distance from students. Students can remove face coverings in lessons and store them in a bag or container so as not to cross contaminate surfaces.
- Students need to wear face coverings when moving between rooms and in communal areas such as the canteen.
- If students go outside at lunch and break, they can take their face covering off when sitting outside, providing they are sitting at distance from friends.

The rulings on face coverings are subject to change as government regulations or advice changes.

We feel that anything we can do, as a school community to reduce the risk of transmission is critical in order to combat this virus and protect each other.

### **Will I need to carry antibacterial gel?**

If you want to carry some in your bag you can, however every classroom has hand sanitiser, which you will use on your way in and out of the room. There are also other cleaning products and tissues in each room and hand sanitiser dispensers at the doors of every building.

### **How the school day will look**

#### **How will the school day be organised?**

Each form will have their own form base room within an area used only by your year group. Your year group zone will have its own entrance/exit point and toilets. See the Year Group specific sheet on the school website that tells you more about your Year Group Zone. Most of your lessons will be in your base room and your teachers will come to you. Specialist rooms will also be used for lessons requiring them but you will be told more about this once you start.

After the first morning, you will go straight to your base room, arriving no earlier than **8.30am**.

### **Will I have a locker to store my books?**

No, lockers will not be in use when you start in September.

### **How can I organise myself each day, if I don't have a locker?**

Only bring the books in that you need for each day. I suggest that when you get home you check your timetable and pack your bag for the following day to ensure you don't forget anything. Be careful to check if it is a week 1 or a week 2. Make sure you have all equipment needed, as you will not be able to borrow anything from anyone.

### **Will I have PE lessons?**

Yes, once a week. There will be more PE lessons on your timetable but the others will be used for other subjects until they can all be reinstated as PE lessons. You will be told which ones will be PE.

### **What do I need to wear on the days I have a PE lesson?**

You will need to come to school in your PE kit, as we do not have the facilities for you to change at school at this present time. You must wear your skort or shorts in the PE lessons, but you must have your legs covered at all other times (travelling to and from school and in other lessons). You can wear leggings in your PE lesson under your skort or shorts. You can wear any black or navy leggings, tracksuit, and fleece bottoms to cover up. You could wear your school trousers if they fit over your shorts.

### **Why do I need to cover my legs?**

We are asking you to do this to protect you and the staff at school. It will also mean that you are warm enough on colder days and appropriately dressed for the journey to and from school. Shorts and skorts are designed

to be comfortable and practical for physical activity, they are not designed to be worn all day in a school environment. We want everyone to feel as comfortable as possible as most of the school will be in their school uniform or formal clothes.

**Can I go to the medical room if I don't feel well?**

No, tell your form tutor or subject teacher and Mrs. Pryke, or one of the first aiders, will come to your classroom and see you there.

**What do I do if I need to see a subject teacher when it is not the lesson?**

Speak to your form tutor in the morning; they will be able to email your teacher if it is urgent. You will not be able to go to the staff room to ask for a member of staff.

**What do I do if I want to speak to my Head of Year?**

Mrs Schwarz's office is near to your Y7 zone. Speak to your form tutor in morning or afternoon registration and they will email her. That way she can arrange to meet with you in your zone or take you to a more private office space.

**What do I do if I want to speak to Mrs Jarvis?**

Mrs Jarvis's office is near to your Y7 zone. Speak to your form tutor in morning or afternoon registration and they will email her. That way she can arrange to meet with you in your zone or take you to a more private office space.

**What do I do if I need the toilet, do I need to wait until break or lunchtime?**

No, you will be allowed to use the toilet in lessons to prevent lots of students in the toilets at any one time. Please ask your teachers as you usually would. When outside, please return to the Y7 toilets in your area. Make sure that you wash your hands for 20 seconds after using the toilet.

**Lunchtimes**

**Can we leave our form room at lunchtime and go outside?**

Yes, if the weather is nice you will all be outside in your designated area

**Will I be able to go to clubs at lunchtime?**

No, clubs will not be running during term 1.

**Am I allowed to see my friends in another Y7 form?**

Yes, but you will need to meet outside in the designated area. Just make sure you socially distance and don't touch one another. You are not allowed to go into other form rooms.

**Can I see my friends in other year groups?**

No, all the year groups will have their own designated areas.

**Will the canteen be open in September?**

Yes, but only at lunchtimes. As a year group, you will be allocated a 10-minute time slot to go and get your lunch, you must then return to your form room or outdoor space to eat it. The canteen will be offering a limited menu. Once you have been registered on the system you will need to load your money remotely if you want to use the canteen. You will be registered in the first few days of school. You also need to make sure you have enough water for the day; you will be unable to use the water fountains. I suggest bringing an extra bottle on days you have PE.