

SHS FAQ: Year 9 (HOY Mrs Spinks)



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

Are the School buses running as normal?

Please visit the Lincolnshire County Council website where you can find all the relevant information. Your Parents/Carers have also been sent this link.

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>

Returning following lockdown

I have not completed all the work set during lockdown. Will I get in trouble?

No, not at all. The focus is getting you back into school and settled into lessons again. It would be helpful, however, to let your teachers know where you got to with your work to assist with planning and support.

Do I need to bring all the work I have completed at home for each subject in September?

You have had feedback on your work already so there is no need to bring it in, unless your teacher has asked you to do so. If you are unsure, ask your teacher in your first lesson rather than trying to bring it all in, as there will be no locker facilities.

Will I need to wear school uniform?

Yes, full school uniform will need to be worn and the rules still apply so please ensure you follow these when you return. **Term 1 will be summer uniform.**

I am worried about being back at school again.

This is natural and you are not alone. This has been a very challenging time that has gone on far longer than we thought it would. Please try not to worry. The staff are committed to helping you settle back into school and many things have been put into place to keep you as safe as possible. We will all be trying to adjust to the new arrangements.

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.

The School Day will look very different

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. Most of your lessons will be in your form room, unless the subject is split into sets, and your teachers will come to you. See the Year Group specific sheet on the school website that tells you more about your Year Group Zone.

Specialist rooms will also be used for lessons requiring them but you will be told more about this on your return.

As Year 9, your area is downstairs in the MFL block and T3 in the technology block.

There will be **no** locker facilities for the time being.

You will go straight to the form base rooms on the first day back, and every morning, arriving no earlier than **8.30am**.

What do I do when I arrive at school?

You need to through the green gates at the side as usual and make your way straight to your form room via your specified entrance. You will not be able to use the canteen in the mornings.

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

Bring your pencil case and calculator. You will get your timetable on the first day and so you may also wish to bring a notebook. Make sure you have your lunch or money already pre-loaded onto your account, any snacks you need and plenty to drink, as you won't be able to use the water fountains.

How can I organise myself each day, if I can't use my 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.

Can I keep my phone in my school bag?

Yes, you will not have use of a locker for the time being. Make sure your phone is switched off and in your bag. Rules still apply – you cannot use your phone during the day unless it is for a lesson and with the teacher's permission.

Will I have PE lessons?

Yes, once a week. There will be more on your timetable but the others will be used by 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 or you can remove them if you can do this without having to take off 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 or under your skort.

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 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 my teacher in an area outside of my bubble?

Speak to your form tutor in the morning; they will be able to email your teacher if it is urgent. Alternatively, email your teacher when you get home. 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?

My office will be within the Year 9 area, near M1. You may find it easier to email me so we can arrange a time for you to see me. This will avoid too many people in the corridor and to ensure social distancing can be met.

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

Mrs Jarvis's office is in the Year 8 area so you will not be able to go to see her. If you need to speak with her urgently let your form tutor know in the morning so they can email her. Alternatively, email Mrs Jarvis when you get home.

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 out on the field, please return to the Year 9 toilets in your area. Make sure you social distance where possible, and 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! Year 9 will be given a designated outside space to use.

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 Year 9 form?

Yes, but you will need to meet outside in the designated area. Just make sure you social 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. You will need to load your money remotely if you want to use the canteen in September. 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.

Will I be able to go on town leave?

For Term 1 at least, no year groups will be allowed on town leave.

After School**Where are we lining up for the buses?**

You will be lining up on the netball courts as normal but social distancing will be applied. You will wait there in the line until your bus arrives. You must wear a face covering on the buses.