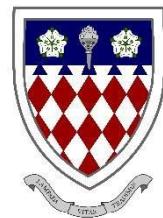


Y10 FAQ: Return to School



How will I get to school?

The government and Local Authority have told parents that they should transport their children to school privately or that children should walk or cycle if possible. Mrs Anderson wrote to parents two weeks ago and notified them that parents in Lincolnshire who rely on county buses needed to contact the transport team and register their need for transport. Lincolnshire are trying to organise the logistics of transport but parents should contact the team if they have not previously registered need. Please do not assume that the buses are running but do let school know if there are any problems.

If your parents drive you to school, they should park a distance away from school in the town car parks or neighbouring streets to avoid congestion. Please be considerate to local residents. You need to arrange where your parents will pick you up from school too. Parents should not drop off/pick up from the school site. If you cannot get to school, you should stay at home and work as you have been.

If you cycle to school, please dismount your bicycle before entering the school gates. Park and lock your bicycle in the bicycle racks which are situated near the school canteen, on the left hand side, as you approach the pedestrian gates. You can then enter school through the pedestrian gates as normal.

How will the academic tutorials be organised?

You will only be in school one day per week for a four-week period. The year group have been split into quarters as the government has said that only 25% of a year group can attend at a time. You will not be able to come into school on the other days. Mrs Waldron will write to you this week with your personal subject timetable, which will have the dates of your tutorials so you know when to come in. Over the four-week period between 15th June and 10th July, you will have one subject academic tutorials for each subject you study.

WBM 15th June = Science (3 separate sciences across the day Bi, Ch, Ph – 2 hrs each)

WBM 22nd June = English, RS, Maths (3 sessions across the day – 2 hrs each – the same group for English and RS but separate Maths groups after lunch and in a clean room)

WBM 29th June = Option Blocks A and B (2 separate 3 hour tutorials in different clean rooms)

WBM 6th July = Option Blocks C and D (2 separate 3 hour tutorials in different clean rooms)

What time should I arrive?

Academic tutorials run from 9am – 3.30pm. You should arrive between 8.30-9am. This is to stagger the arrival of Y10 and Y12 students so please stick to these times.

Which entrance should I use?

When you first arrive at school, enter through the front green pedestrian gate and come into school

through the large green gates. You must not enter through Reception. At the green gates, there will be a hand washing station, please sanitise your hands before coming into school.

Where should I go when I first get to school? Once in school, you should go straight to the room allocated for your first tutorial session. This will also be listed on the letter Mrs Waldron sends this week. The teacher in your first tutorial will register you.

What time can I leave?

We will stagger the departure of the Y10 groups between 3.30pm and 3.45pm. Y12 are leaving much earlier in the day and so you will not see them. You will need to leave via the pedestrian green gate. If you are reliant on a parent picking you up to take you home, then walk to your designated pick up point away from the school site. The site will shut to students no later than 4pm in order for the daily deep clean to take place. You must be off site by 4pm.

What should I wear to school?

We are not expecting you to wear school uniform for the following reasons:

- You will be in the same classrooms for much longer periods of time than you are used to and you will work better if you are comfortable.
- The government advises that we change our clothes daily and wash more frequently than you might usually wash your school wear.
- We also recognise that in the three months since you last wore your uniform you have probably grown and we do not want parents to have to worry about buying new items at this time.

Therefore, you may come to school in your own clothes; however, your clothes must be appropriate, **smart**, comfortable and suitable for a professional learning environment. For example, ripped jeans or very short shorts and tops are **not appropriate**. Please refer to the non-uniform dress code in your planner; the rules on make-up and jewellery remain the same.

Will I need to wear a face mask or face covering?

The government advises that face masks should be worn "in enclosed spaces where social distancing is not always possible and where you may come into contact with others that you do not normally meet". We feel that the school environment comes into that category and our aim is to make your school environment as safe as possible by implementing as many reasonable safety precautions as necessary. We also have to consider that many of us will be asymptomatic but still able to transmit the virus to other people and a facial covering might reduce this risk. Therefore we strongly advise you to wear face coverings when in lessons and around the school. Staff have been strongly advised to wear face coverings too. We are taking a "something is better than nothing" approach. The pattern found on the web link below comes highly recommended. If you are not able to supply your own, school will provide you with one that staff have been making.

<https://sarahmaker.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask-for-hospitals-free-pattern/>

What will I be doing at school?

We have told teachers to consolidate learning and understanding of topics that you have been working on at home over the last two months and to support the remote learning that you will be doing through to the end of the year. These will not be "normal" lessons but face-to-face academic tutorials. The sessions have been timetabled with your own subject teacher. However, if staff fall

ill or are shielding you may have to be with another subject specialist. Mr Love sent a more detailed document about teaching and learning home to parents last week. It is also on the school website and will give you more details.

How are we going to socially distance?

The number of students in each class will be reduced to allow for social distancing within the classroom, you will need to stay in one place and we will not be doing practicals or group work. Only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the year group will be in school at any one time. A quarter of Y12 will be on site with you too.

Desks and chairs in classrooms have been reorganised at 2m intervals so you will see where to sit when you arrive in your base room for the day. There are 2m floor markings in the corridors and communal areas and signs to remind you of the 2m rule. You will need to be strict when remembering to stay 2m away from everyone – including the staff. 2m may be hard to visualise but if you imagine that two people have their arms outstretched, then their fingers should not be able to touch. Mrs Neal has designed us a clear poster to remind us all of this!

Movement around the school will be very limited and there will be a one-way system around the corridors to allow social distancing to be maintained. Signs and arrows on the floor will mark this.

You will be based in as few rooms as possible. For example, on the science day, you will stay in the same room with the same group all day and the three science teachers will come to you. On the English/RS and Maths day, you will do the same for the two morning sessions (Eng and RS) but move to your Maths group in a new “clean” room after lunch. On the option days, you have two longer sessions in a day and will move to a new “clean” room at lunch between the two sessions. You will not sit at a desk that another student has sat at the same day.

Thorough cleaning and sanitising will be undertaken around site during the day, at the end of each day after school and with a longer deep clean organised for Fridays when Y10 are not in. The rooms we are using for Y10 and Y12 have been spread across the site and allocated their own toilet to use to reduce contact still further. Doors will be wedged open to create free flow movement around the site, increase ventilation and reduce contact with door handles and plates. Windows will be open too.

We will also be practising all of the health and hygiene measures we were using before lockdown with handwashing, sanitiser, anti-bac wipes etc.

What will I need to bring with me?

You should only bring what you need for the tutorials that you have that day. It will be useful to bring the work that you have completed independently at home to refer to. If you have your own textbooks at home, please bring those and any stationery that you will need. You will not be able to share each other’s equipment. A drink to see you through the session will also be important. You will not be able to fill up bottles from the water fountains. Bring enough water to see you through the day.

Can I use my locker?

You will not have access to your locker so all belongings must be taken home with you at the end of each day. This is because the purpose of the subject tutorial is to support the remote learning, which the government has emphasised is still the main way of working during T6. If you did not clear your locker out before lockdown, email Mrs Neal to arrange a time to empty it. Mobile phones should be switched off and in your bag during the entire day – including lunchtime.

What will happen at lunchtime?

There will be a half an hour lunchtime each day. The canteen will be providing limited food choices, with very strict queueing and social distancing measures in place. The canteen will not be doing food before school or at break.

You must not share food with others. When weather permits, you can picnic outside on the field in allocated areas to your group but still maintain 2m separation. In wet weather, students will eat lunch in the sports hall. If it is fine weather, bring sun cream and lots to drink.

What about break?

We are not having a normal break where you would be dismissed from sessions. However, we have made the academic tutorials much longer, in part so they can be a little more relaxed with time for you to have a drink, a snack and go to the toilet.

Which toilets should I use?

Each classroom will be allocated its own toilet to use. Your teacher will tell you which toilet has been allocated to you and you must only use that one. Students will only be permitted to go to the toilets one at a time. The toilets will be wiped down and sanitised during the day by the cleaner but if she is in the allocated toilet for your room when you need to go, she will stop and come out so you can go in.

What should I do if I feel unwell at school?

If you feel unwell at school, please tell the teacher that is supervising you and they will advise you what to do.

I have said I want to attend the tutorials but on the day I am due to be in, I don't feel well. What should I do?

Call the school as normal and let us know you will not be in. If you have the symptoms of Covid-19, inform us when you call and then log on to the NHS website and follow their instructions.

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.

I cannot wait to see my friends; can I give them a hug?

Sadly, not yet – you must adhere to the social bubble at all times.

I feel anxious about coming back to school; what should I do?

This is a worrying time and feeling anxious and nervous is normal. We have tried to put every sensible and reasonable measure in place to keep you and the staff safe. These FAQs are supported by a multitude of risk assessments to reduce the risk of infection and transmission. Email Mrs Neal or a member of the pastoral team and we will call you to talk about your worries.

Will I be disadvantaged if I do not come in?

The government has made it clear that the main method of working and learning for Y10 and Y12 is still remote work at home. Teachers will continue to use this as the main method of teaching; this will continue whether you are in or not. The work will be the same and teachers will continue to provide support via email or digital means. Coming in gives you an opportunity to start to rebuild social relationships, ask questions and check understanding face-to-face and to start to get back to some form of *normal* as the lockdown restrictions are eased.

Will my parents be fined if I do not come in?

For the moment, the government has indicated that attendance is a matter of *parental* preference and that fines for non-attendance will not be issued.