

Y12 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 do 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.

Can I drive myself to school?

If you are able to drive, you may drive yourself to school with parent's permission. Parking for students is in the car park on Matmore Gate. You should not bring other students to school who do not live in the same household as you as social distancing is not possible in the car. All students, even those driving to school, need to use hand sanitizer when entering the building. There is hand sanitizer by the back gate.

What time should I arrive?

Sixth form tutorials run from 9.30am – 12.30am. It is a three hour tutorial on one subject area. You should arrive between 9.15-9.30am. This is to stagger the arrival of Y10 and Y12 students so please stick to these times. You will only be in school on the days when your option block subject groups are listed. 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 five-week period between 15th June and 21st July, you will have two subject academic tutorials for each subject you study.

If your parents need to drop you off earlier than 9.15am, you must arrive **no earlier than 8.30am**. Please email Mrs Haunch to let her know that you will need to arrive earlier than 9.15am. When you arrive, enter the green pedestrian gates and report to the member of staff on duty at the gate. They will tell you where you need to go to wait until 9.30am when your tutorial will start.

What time can I leave?

Sixth form will be able to leave at 12.30pm at the end of their subject tutorial. You will need to leave via the pedestrian green gate and not reception. 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. If you cannot be picked up until later in the afternoon, you will need to bring in a packed lunch and enough drink for the day and we will allocate you a study space to work for the remainder of the day. 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.

If you need to leave earlier than 12.30 for an appointment, email Mrs Haunch with the details of the appointment, the time that you will need to leave and which member of staff will be running your tutorial at that time. Mrs Haunch will ensure that your teacher is aware. When you leave, report to reception to inform them that you are going, leave through reception.

Where should I go when I first get to school? Which entrance should I use?

When you first arrive at school, enter through the front pedestrian gate and come in to 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 in 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 you week. The common room, study room, library and form rooms will not be available for you to use. The teacher in your first tutorial will register you.

What should I wear to school?

You will be in the same classrooms for 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 suit/school wear. 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 are not appropriate. 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 they 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. You will see a subject specialist but not necessarily your own teacher if they are shielding at home. 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 will the day be organised?

You will have one three-hour tutorial session per subject organised over a 12-day period. This will be repeated so you see your teachers twice before the end of the academic year. These tutorial sessions will last 3 hours. We cannot guarantee that tutorials will be with your usual class teacher but they will be with subject specialists.

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; this is why it is taking us 12 school days to get through all the subject tutorials! A quarter of Y10 will be on site with you too.

Desks and chairs in classrooms have been re-organised 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 at remembering to stay 2m away from everyone – including the staff.

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.

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. 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.

We will also be practicing all of the health and hygiene measures we were using before lockdown with hand washing, sanitizer, 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.

Can I use my locker?

You will not have access to your locker so all belonging 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 have emphasised, is still the main way of working during T6. If you did not clear your locker out before lockdown, email Mrs Haunch to arrange a time to empty it. Mobile phones should be switched

off and in your bag during the entire day – including lunchtime for those students remaining on site during the day.

What will happen at lunchtime?

As Y12 are going home at 12.30pm there will not be a formal lunchtime for the year group. If a Y12 student needs to stay in school, waiting for their pick up they will need to bring a packed lunch with them. The canteen will be providing limited food choices between 1pm and 1.30pm, with very strict queuing and social distancing measures in place. You must not share food with others and will not be permitted to go off-site to buy lunch. When weather permits, you can picnic outside on the field in allocated areas but still maintain 2m separation. In wet weather, students will eat lunch in the sports hall. If it is fine weather and you are staying for the day, bring sun cream and lots to drink.

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. Male students will continue to use the boys' toilets.

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.

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 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 can not 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 ensure that we have minimised the risk of infection and transmission. Email Mrs Haunch 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 have 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 re-build 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 have indicated that attendance is a matter of *parental* preference and that fines for non-attendance will not be issued.