

10th July 2020



Dear Parent / Carer

Following careful planning for a phased increase in student numbers, I am delighted that so many students, from all year groups, have been able to embrace the opportunity and attend school during the last two weeks. 92% of Year 10 students have attended school for at least one face-to-face session with their subject teachers since the 15th June. 89% of students from Year 7-9 have attended school for their Review Meetings and it was fantastic to see so many Year 11 students come into school to plan for short, medium and long-term success and to say thank you to their Tutors and Year Leader, Mrs Berry. 86% of all students have been back to school for at least one visit since the 20th March.

We are currently carefully planning for a **return of all students in September**. I am delighted that we will be able to welcome back all our students from new Year 8-11 and welcome for the first time our new Year 7 students. We can't wait to get back to developing all students' knowledge and skills, character and creativity and imagination, providing students with the opportunity to achieve their academic potential and thrive, flourish and enjoy during their time with us.

We are adhering to updated guidelines from Public Health England and the Department for Education and continue to listen, take advice and pay close attention to all the information available to us. The plans explained in this letter are all correct at the time of writing and I will update parents/carers should we need to change any of them.

Plans for September will stay under continuous review and will evolve during the new academic year as guidance changes. Our risk assessments are being updated following the updated guidance.

Our current plans for September are summarised below:

- **Year 7 students will join us on Wednesday 2nd September**
- **Students from all year groups will attend school from Thursday 3rd September**
- **The start of the day and the end of the day times will be staggered**
- **Students will use dedicated year group entrances and exits as summarised in the table below**
- **All students will follow a standard timetable and will follow all their subjects from September**
- **All students will stay, as much as possible, in year group zones of the school in their year group bubbles**
- **All students will have specialist teachers for their subjects, wherever possible**
- **Year 10 and Year 11 students will have lessons in specialist rooms, where required, with the exception of Science, which will be delivered in standard classrooms**



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- Year 7, 8 and 9 will have lessons in standard classrooms, delivered primarily by specialist teachers. Therefore, the content of the curriculum will be adapted accordingly
- PE lessons will continue, with an appropriate curriculum and students will be required to attend school in their PE kit on the days they have PE and they will remain in the kit for the duration of the day
- Each year group will have their own area for break and lunchtime and food will be available to purchase in these areas
- Wherever possible, we would encourage students to bring their own packed lunch and enough drink to last them for the day

	Entrance and Exit	Start of Day	End of Day Time
Year 7	Main Office	08:30 – Students proceed to Tutor Group Room	15:00
Year 8	Service Drive	08:40 – Students proceed to Tutor Group Room	15:10
Year 9	Student Entrance	08:50 – Students proceed to Tutor Group Room	15:20
Year 10	PE Door	09:00 – Students to proceed to Period 1 Teaching Room	15:30
Year 11	A15 Door	09:15 – Students to proceed to Period 1 Teaching Room	15:40

- Timetables with rooms will be sent home on Tuesday 1st September via InTouch and will be provided to students on their first day
- Students will be directed to their Tutor Room/Period 1 room on their first day
- Students will continue to have a Tutor Time session either at the start or the end of the day
- Students must always use the entrances and exit shown above, at the start of the day, for break and lunch and at the end of the day, with the exception of an emergency evacuation
- We will be open from 07:30 to accommodate students who choose to travel outside of peak times
- Students travelling by public transport must follow the guidelines, regarding the wearing of a mask

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#face-coverings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

An example of the year group zones are shown on the table below (please note this is for illustrative purposes and the rooming below is subject to change):

Year 7 Zone	Year 8 Zone	Year 9 Zone	Year 10 Zone	Year 11 Zone
B2	A14	B11A	A3	B19
B3	A15	B13	A4	B20
B6	A18	B14	Fitness Studio	B21
B8	A19	B15	A8	B22
B9	A21	B15A	A9	B23
B10	A22	B16	A12	B24
B11	A23	C4	A13	B25
	A24		C1	B26

Our New Ways of Working

Our evolving risk assessments, which are being created in conjunction with the Sir John Brunner Foundation and following all the guidelines from the Department for Education, Public Health England and various unions and associations, are being used to generate what we are describing as updated 'new ways of working'. These have been developed and have evolved utilising the Department for Education's 9 system control measures, designed to keep us as safe as possible. These are split into two sections: Prevention and Response to any Infection. **It is every member of The County High School, Leftwich community's responsibility to ensure the school stays as safe as possible by follow these system controls.**

Prevention	Response to any infection
1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school	7. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual	8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach	9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice
4. Introduce enhanced cleaning , including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach	
5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible	
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)	

All colleagues and students will be fully inducted into our new ways of working in September.

We will continue to expect students to:

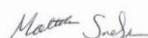
- **Be ready to learn**
- **Be respectful and safe**
- **Embrace opportunities**

Priority Students

Friday 17th July will see the last day of our Priority Students Provision. We will not be able to offer this provision over the Summer holidays. Thank you to all my colleagues who have supported this provision over the 17 weeks and thank you to all the students who attended and embraced the opportunity.

We will continue to plan for all of our students return with anticipation and excitement. I am really looking forward to seeing them all once more in The County High School, Leftwich ready to, once more, achieve excellence in all they do. Please continue to look after yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson



Principal