

Practical application of the school's risk assessment

This document outlines the essentials of the risk assessment. Having read it, please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions.

Principles

- We will take every opportunity that we possibly can to follow measures that will reduce the risk of putting any of our community at risk of infection.
- We will do this in a way that maintains the delivery of a full and challenging curriculum for our students.
- We will follow government guidance as fully as possible, but recognise and accept that it is impossible to maintain recommended distances at all times, in a high school of over 1000 students.
- Our aim is to maximise the risk mitigation measures taken without compromising the quality of education delivered.
- The implementation of our risk assessment relies upon student cooperation and compliance, and any student whose behaviour aims to reduce the effectiveness of our work could be excluded.
- The foundation of all our risk mitigation work is good personal hygiene, in particular hand hygiene, rigorous cleaning and appropriate distancing.
- We will maximise the time spent outdoors where possible including movement time, lunch and break times and if possible, during lesson time.
- Measures put in place will be realistic, sensible, workable and clearly communicated to staff and students alike.

Practical measures.

*This list is not exhaustive, but covers the main points you need to be aware of, and will hopefully answer the vast majority of any questions you might have. **The measures in bold will need your support in preparing your children appropriately for the start of term.***

1. We will operate a system that isolates, as much as possible, year group 'bubbles'. Bubbles can be up to 240 in number, so the College will operate as one bubble.
2. **It is compulsory for all students travelling on buses to wear a face covering. Failure to wear one will mean they will not be allowed onto the bus.**
3. It is not compulsory, but any student wishing to wear a face covering can do so at any time in school. **This will be monitored and reviewed weekly, as latest advice suggests schools could insist on face coverings to be worn in areas where effective distancing proves not to be possible.**
4. We cannot effectively deliver the curriculum if students cannot move freely around the school into specialist accommodation. Subsequently, there will be systems in place to ensure appropriate cleaning of workspaces happens on a lesson by lesson basis.
5. **The sharing of equipment will not be allowed until the required time has elapsed or cleaning taken place. It is vital that you equip your child fully for school and, like we will, tell them they are not to lend or borrow anything.**
6. Any equipment, including text books, that are used will be stored for the required time or cleaned appropriately before being used again.

7. Year groups will be given distinct outdoor areas they must stay in during breaks and lunch times. Unless the weather is really poor this will remain the case so please ensure appropriate waterproofs are worn during wet periods, **as we will keep pupils outside unless we have persistent rain.**
8. There will be a clear and strict one way system of movement around the school to reduce the number of pupils from other bubbles that each student might come into contact with. By moving in one direction, amongst a group of students from the same bubble, each individual will effectively remain in their bubble.
9. All lessons will start with hand washing or sanitising. **It would be incredibly beneficial if you could send your child to school with a personal supply of hand sanitiser to be used upon entry to each lesson.** We will supply it too, but in the interests of as few students as possible handling the same item it would be better for personal supplies to be brought.
10. **All work spaces will be cleaned at the start of each lesson, using appropriate spray and cloths.** Doors and windows will remain open to encourage fresh air flow.
11. **We ask that you send your child to school wearing as much freshly laundered clothing as possible. It is not compulsory for students to wear blazers and jumpers (Year11) until further notice, but all other uniform remains the same. If cold, we recommend a plain white T shirt can be worn under the shirt. If pupils choose to wear blazers and/or jumpers, they must be freshly laundered each day.**
12. All practical activities will go ahead as normal, once the relevant departments have carried out their own assessment of the delivered curriculum. If we have subject specific instructions for you those departments will contact you.
13. Students who bring a packed lunch will be asked to eat it outdoors whilst the weather is still good. Break and lunch timings will be adjusted slightly to promote distancing. The canteen will provide food as normal, but there will be measures in place to ensure risk is minimised. For example, indoor eating areas will be divided up to protect bubbles. **If the weather is poor, pupils will be allowed to eat their lunch in their tutor room.**
14. **We will still operate a cash system, so please send your child to school with a variety of coins to minimise the need for change to be given.** All queues for food will be managed by staff and will be 2metre distanced.
15. Parents may only come to school by invitation, unless in the case of a genuine emergency.
16. **Parents dropping children off in cars cannot get out of the car whilst on the school site. We ask that parents collecting by car do so between 3.45pm and 3.55pm from the large car park, and do not leave their car. Please do not arrive before 3.45pm.** This will mean your children can remain distanced from the 500+ others getting onto the buses at 3.30pm, and that you will be able to collect and leave straight away, minimising the amount of time you are on the school premises. Students waiting to be collected will be asked to wait at the far side of the College building until the buses leave at 3.40pm, and will then be brought to the car park, spaced out.

17. **If your child shows any of the identified symptoms of Coronavirus you must not send them to school.** If whilst at school your child develops symptoms, you will be required to collect them immediately. If your child does contract the virus you must let the school know.
18. If there are identified cases of the virus we will inform other parents as necessary, and advise them of the required isolation period.
19. There will be a significantly reduced number of extra-curricular activities, at least for the first half term, whilst we assess how effective the return to school has been, and to promote distancing. **There will be no routine after school activities at all, including homework club.** However, there may be some activities going on during lunch times, which will be considered very carefully and adhere to distancing rules.
20. Timings during the school day will be altered very slightly, and all students will be made aware of these. Buses will run at normal times.
21. Pupils who have PE lesson 1 on any day will be allowed to arrive to school in the PE kit, **but must bring their uniform to change into at the end of the lesson.** Those having PE lesson 5 will be allowed to travel home in their PE kit.