



13th July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

PUPILS RETURNING TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2020

I am writing to inform you of the plan agreed by the Governors for the return of pupils to North Ridge in September 2020.

The building of the new sixth form centre is delayed due to the COVID pandemic. The hand over is now planned for December 2020. The building is currently in a factory in Ireland and once the windows have been installed will be transported to the site in Manchester. As a result of this we have had to make alternative plans to educate our students in the autumn term.

COVID Pandemic:

School will continue to risk assess daily and plan weekly. Should there be a local lock down or a country wide lock down we will reintroduce the support for learning at home.

We continue to update our very comprehensive risk assessment and our site team continue to undertake a daily thorough clean of the school.

1. Classrooms will have more pupils and staff in them from September.
2. ***We will be working in department bubbles and pupils will need to remain with their bubble. If any pupil or member of staff becomes unwell with COVID19 symptoms they will be sent home to self isolate, they will be required to obtain a COVID test. Should the individual test positive for COVID19 the whole bubble (STAFF AND PUPILS) will be required to stay home and self isolate for 14 days.***
3. Class routines are displayed in each room detailing how staff and pupils will follow strict hygiene procedures. This will include hand washing throughout the day and sanitising all surfaces and shared resources. Staff and pupils will follow strict hygiene procedures. This will include hand washing sanitising all surfaces.
4. Every pupil will have a risk assessment. Pupils will have their own equipment stored in a sealed box and not shared by any other pupil.
5. Pupils will have access to a full meal offer including a packed lunch with meals being served in class bases and the canteen on a rotational basis. This will reduce the number of pupils moving over to the canteen daily yet allow all pupils to have a meal in the canteen at some point each week.
6. Start and finish times have been adjusted to allow for a safe arrival and departure from school. We strongly advise that if you can transport your child then you do so as this will be the safest option. You may have to queue to drop your child off. There are marks for you to follow in the queue outside the school entrance.
7. Strict hygiene routines will be required both in school and home- hand washing, clothes washed daily at home, pupils showered daily at home. School bags will need to be sanitised by families and any equipment not required removed from the bags. Families must agree to this

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8. If your child or anyone in the home has symptoms you must keep your child at home, request a test and inform school so that we can put the necessary plans in place to reduce infection. You must inform school of the test result. Families must co-operate with this. YOU MUST PROVIDE AN UP TO DATE TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER THAT WE CAN USE TO SPEAK TO YOU IN THE EVENT OF A COVID RISK. YOU MUST ANSWER THE CALLS MADE TO YOU BY SCHOOL STAFF

NEW SCHOOL TIMES:

Home to school transport: 9.00a.m. drop off; 3.15pm pick up

Parents : 9.30a.m. drop off ; 2.50p.m. pick up

**9. We will have contacted you by phone and sent a letter informing you of your child's plan for September:
6th form students only blended learning part-time in school
Some pupils phased return to school
Most pupils back in school full-time**

Yours sincerely,

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