

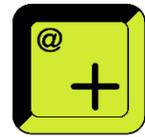


## THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Important information for all students (and parents) in Year 10.

The Department for Education has now confirmed that secondary schools in England may allow some Year 10 students to return to school during the week commencing Monday 15 June. I am writing to inform you of how we propose to manage this process.

**Monday 15 June** and **Tuesday 16 June** are COVID-19 risk management action days. No students from Year 10 should attend school on these days. The staff training will focus upon ensuring appropriate safety measures are in place, in accordance with Public Health England and NHS guidance, ready for a partial return to school of some Year 10 students. From **Wednesday 17 June** a phased return to school begins for Year 10. Only a quarter of the Year Group will be attending school on any given day; this amounts to approximately 45 students. In practice this means your son / daughter will be attending one day each week, with some students attending two days. Mrs Staker is completing the rota for Year 10 attendance and this will be sent out to you within the next 2 or 3 working days so you know which day(s) your son/daughter should attend.

**Timing of the school day** remains broadly the same, but with some adjustments to the start and end of the day to create a staggered entry and exit which reduces social contact and potential crowding. Students will be notified individually of their arrival and departure times.

**Transport** will continue to be provided by the Local Authority for those students entitled to it. We will inform the LA which students are attending each day so you won't need to take any action, unless your child isn't going to be attending, in which case we must notify the LA in advance. The decision whether to use **public transport** is one you will need to agree with your child. Please note that if you bring your child to school **by car** you must not drive onto the school site. Two large supermarkets on London Road – Tesco and B & M – have kindly given their consent for parents to use their car park for dropping off and collection on school days.

Our expectations regarding **school uniform** and **equipment** are unchanged. School uniform must be worn, however in anticipation of hot weather and to allow for regular



washing, blazers do not need to be worn. Students should bring all their usual stationery with them to school. We will not be lending any equipment (pens, calculators, rulers, etc) to students in order to minimise the risk of infection. We also ask that student do not bring exercise books or art folders from home with them as a further method of preventing infection. A light jacket may be advisable as on some occasions students may need to queue before being allowed to enter the buildings. Rucksacks may be brought to school if required. Please remember to provide your child with disposable tissues and anti-bacterial hand gel.

**Lunch** will only be provided to students entitled to free school meals. For all other students no food will be on sale, therefore please ensure your son / daughter brings a packed lunch. Our drinking water dispensers will still be available, but students must only use them to fill bottles – they must not drink from them directly.

**Any student with COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school.** These include a high temperature, a persistent cough / sore throat and loss of the sense of smell or taste. A student who becomes unwell during the school day will be required to go home at the earliest opportunity, preferably without parental collection. In exceptional circumstances parents may collect a sick child but they will not be admitted into the building. In general, all external agencies (including parents) will not be admitted into school and no face to face meetings will take place until further notice. Students who have been in a hospital or care setting must not attend school for 7 days as a further method of preventing infection.

**Personal protective equipment** (known as PPE) may be worn at your discretion. It is not compulsory for either staff or students. The school will not provide any PPE because of potential liability arising from its use.

**Social distancing measures** will be in place around the school; students and staff will be briefed carefully to ensure these are fully understood and adhered to by all members of the school community. The Department for Education has set a maximum class size of 15 but in practice almost all of our student groups will be smaller than this.

**The School Behaviour Policy** is an important element of our broader efforts to maintain a safe and orderly environment. It is designed primarily to create a secure and comfortable learning environment in which staff and students feel protected. In the current situation our social distancing measures become an integral part of the behaviour policy. Therefore any student who undermines social distancing, or who behaves in a way which causes other members of the school to feel unsafe, will be removed from the site and not permitted to return until the school has returned to its normal way of working.

**Medical room and use of reception.** We have no medical room currently and are unable to offer administration of medication or similar supervision. We also cannot allow students to sign in or out during the day as reception is not open. If your child has an appointment they should not attend school for that day.

### **Teaching, learning and GCSE's.**

Once Year 10 start their phased return there will be a period of consolidation. Since March 20<sup>th</sup> there have been no timetabled lessons and both parental and student surveys are consistent in telling us how much you have missed the expertise and support of your teachers. So please don't expect to go straight back into a full day of timetabled lessons. Teachers are acutely aware how challenging the past few months have been for you and



time in school, between now and the summer holiday, will be spent supporting you in bringing your work up to date and reviewing the online learning you've completed since lockdown.

Looking ahead to Year 11, and beyond, our priority is to prepare you as fully as possible for GCSE examinations in the summer of 2021. All the examination boards, sixth form colleges, further education colleges and employers fully appreciate that you have missed a substantial volume of teaching and learning at a key time in your GCSE courses. We are all committed to ensuring that you are not disadvantaged by these circumstances. Work has already started to ensure that, next summer, you are awarded GCSE grades which fairly reflect your ability and commitment to learning.

With best wishes,

Mr N D Roper  
Head Teacher.

