



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Return to school - week commencing Monday 8th March

As we prepare to welcome our students back to school in the week beginning 8th March 2021 we would like to thank you for all the support you have given the school during this lockdown period and ask that your child is prepared for the learning term upon their return. We hope that by sending this now you will have adequate opportunity to ensure that they are ready to maximise the opportunities that being back in school will give them.

Attendance. The Government have said that returning to school is "mandatory". This means that unless they are unwell children are expected to return to school at their allocated time in the week beginning 8th March 2021. Education Welfare and the Local Authority have spoken with us and made it clear that unauthorised absence may result in prosecution. In the event of your child being unwell, or anyone in the household having COVID symptoms or awaiting a test result they should not return to school and you should inform us by using the absence line as usual.

Travel to school. School starts at 8.35am and students should be on site and in their tutor rooms by this time. Students who are late are likely to be required to make the time up at break or lunchtime. We request that you do not drive onto the school site but instead use the car parks in Tesco or B and M on London Road. All students should allow for adequate travel time when planning their route to school. Students may arrive by bicycle as long as they ride safely and sensibly and the bike is in a roadworthy condition. Scooters are dangerous and not allowed. Scooters seen on site will be confiscated for adult collection.

Return schedule by year group. Further to the letter sent this week, the schedule for return is as follows and includes dates of final remote education sessions, first session in school and specific times, date of full return to lessons, and information regarding the two halves of Year 7. It also includes dates for the second and third Lateral Flow test that will be included.



Please understand that the Government's decision to re-open schools to all students is based on a clear assumption that mass testing takes place. A child refusing to take part in testing won't be refused entry into school, but will not be allowed to sit next to other children - who have been tested - in any of their lessons. The nasal testing method we use in school does not involve placing swabs on the back of the throat. It produces rapid results (within 30 minutes) and so provides reassurance to all children and a reduction in anxiety about catching the virus.

If you have moved house or changed your telephone number or other contact details please let us know immediately in case we are required to contact you about a positive case in your child's year group.

	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7 - A and B
Final day of remote learning	Friday 5th	Friday 5th	Monday 8th	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th
Entrance to use on return (go straight to tutor room)	Holders Road, right side gate of upper	Holders Road, left side gate of upper	Sports Centre entrance	Antrobus Road	Antrobus Road
First arrival at school	Mon 8th 8:35am	Mon 8th 11:15am	Tues 9th 8:35am	Tues 9th 11:15am	Weds 10th 8:35am (A=7CLH, 7DJA, 7DYO, 7EVJ) and 11:15am (B=7HRH, 7JXW, 7MJT, 7SRO)
Return to lessons	Mon 8th Period 4	Tuesday 9th Period 1	Tues 9th Period 4	Weds 10th Period 1	Weds 10th period 4 (A=7CLH, 7DJA, 7DYO, 7EVJ), and Thurs 11th period 1 (B=7HRH, 7JXW, 7MJT, 7SRO)
Second test session	Thurs 11th 8:35am	Friday 12th 11:30am	Friday 12th 8:35am	Thurs 11th 11:30am	Monday 15th
Third test session	Weds 17th 11:30am	Weds 17th 8:35am	Tues 16th 8:35am	Tues 16th 11:30am	Thurs 18th

Behaviour and school uniform. School rules, procedures and expectations have not changed. Students are expected to return in full, smart school uniform and adhere to our rules on hair colour and styles, jewellery, nail varnish and general appearance. These rules are well known and on our website and in the School Planner. Students who do not arrive in correct uniform may lawfully be sent home to change or may be placed in isolation. On days students have PE they may wear SCHOOL PE KIT (no alternatives) Hoodies are not allowed unless they are plain black and logo free. Students may wear their blazers on top of PE kit.

Equipment. The Government are clear that we may not lend equipment under any circumstances in the current situation. Please ensure that your child has a complete "ready to learn" kit with them daily. This must include a reading book and inexpensive headphones. Students are required to bring their own water bottle every day and drinking water is always freely available.



Other restrictions. For the first week of term the only food available will be for students entitled to Free School Meals as all available non teaching staff will be involved in COVID testing. For this reason also, reception will not be staffed and phone calls will be directed to our answer machine. We would ask that you refrain from calling unless it is an emergency and instead email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk. Please avoid bringing forgotten items into school during the day as due to our Covid risk assessment we will not be able to pass on to students. Visitors are still not permitted on site. Only emergency First Aid will be available and even this will not allow person to person contact. Students may bring a SINGLE DOSE ONLY of medication into school. This should be clearly labelled and the main office informed by email. All students should carry their own supply of hand sanitiser and tissues and comply with our COVID regulations at all times.

Mobile phones. Mobile telephones remain banned during the school day. They must be out of sight and switched off between 8.35am and 2.50pm. Phones which are seen or heard will be confiscated. Mobile phone misuse accounts for more disruption to good order than any other single factor. Students will be given a paper copy of their timetable so they will not be allowed to use "checking my lesson" as an excuse for looking at a phone.

New regulations on face coverings. As you will be aware the Government have announced that until a review at Easter, "face coverings" (not visors) must be worn in classrooms as well as in corridors. They do not need to be worn outside or for PE lessons. As Dr Jenny Harries, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England said when speaking with Gavin Williamson, Minister for Education about this matter, we do not wear face coverings to protect ourselves, but to protect others. We are aware that some students find wearing them difficult but we are also aware that students who do not wear them can make others feel anxious or unsafe. Students who do not wear face coverings may therefore be asked to sit near open doors or windows and must understand that their peers may not wish to sit with or work with them. Please ensure your child's face covering fits properly and is washed or replaced regularly.

We very much appreciate your understanding and support in helping us to ensure that this long awaited school reopening is purposeful, productive and above all else, safe for all members of our community.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Roper
Headteacher
on behalf of the senior Leadership Team and Governing Body.

