



Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Details of the return to school

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we look forward to the re-opening of the school, I am writing to you to firstly thank you for your support over the latest lockdown in guiding your child through their virtual education, but also your support for the school, and the measures it has taken to ensure that both education, and pastoral provision have continued during this time. It has been a challenge for us all, but we are looking forward to welcoming our students back next week.

Secondly, I am writing to you with information regarding the opening of the school, which I hope you will find useful in helping your child prepare for their return to St Edward's campus.

Covid-19 specific reminders for students;

- When students arrive back to school there will be a staggered start, with year groups returning on different days and at different times to allow for the government required testing. Details of this staggered return follow on the next page.
- Students will also be returning to bubbles as before the Christmas break. This means that students' tutor base and bubbles in the school remain unchanged, and they should head there at the start of each day for registration.
- Masks must now be worn at all times when moving around the school campus. This is from the point of entry at the school gates, until point of exit at the end of the school day. This will include moving around the campus, and in corridors. Staff may ask students to wear masks in lessons, and we would ask for your support in this.
- We would ask students who are exempt from wearing a mask on health grounds to clearly identify this using the daisy lanyard. This will support us in identifying students who are exempt, so that your child is not challenged by staff, who are required to be extra-vigilant during these times, in reducing risks on site.
- Hand hygiene will continue to play an important role in keeping our school community safe, and therefore hand gel should be applied when entering and leaving a room. This will be supplied by teachers, but students may carry their own.
- Students who cannot follow these instructions will be asked to sign a Covid-19 safety contract with the school, and if they continue, they may well be removed from lessons.
- Parents / carers will not be able to collect students from the school site unless there is a reason for this, and a pass has been applied for. Please drop your child off at a safe location on Dale Valley Road, being considerate of the residents.

In addition to our efforts to ensure that we keep the school as safe as possible from Covid-19 I would also like to remind students of general expectations ahead of their return;

General reminders for students;

- Hair cut / colour should be natural, and of a conventional style; and no shorter than grade 2.
- Full uniform is expected to be worn at all times.
- Trainers are not permitted as school shoes, which should be black leather traditional shoes.
- Piercings are only permitted in the lobe of the ear.
- Students should bring with them all the equipment that they require for their learning, as staff are not in a position to lend these out.
- Behaviour of students is expected to be of the highest standard on their return so that students can resume their learning, and staff can start to identify any gaps in knowledge and begin support. Therefore, more than ever before, students will not be allowed to disrupt the learning of others, and the school's behaviour policy will be applied.



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If you require any further guidance on the expectations of uniform or behaviour, please see the Governors' policies on the website;

<https://website.network.st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/parents/uniform-policy/>

<https://website.network.st-edwards.poole.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Promoting-Positive-Behaviour-policy-Sum-2020.pdf>

Staggered start and testing:

We have produced a helpful video about testing, which we hope will reassure you and your child. It can be found via this link. <https://clickv.ie/w/9-5p>. If you are prompted to sign in please use your child's school username and password.

On arrival for their *first* return day, students should go straight to the Sports Hall for lateral flow testing. We regret that we do not have the capacity for the supervision of students arriving early, so please help us by ensuring that your child does not arrive on site before their allocated arrival time.

Following testing, students will return to their tutor bases and follow their normal timetable.

Students who are opting out of the testing should go straight to their tutor bases.

Once students have been tested on their first day, on the following days they will just follow their normal timetable.

Arrival & Testing Time	09:00 – 10:00	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 13:00	13:00 – 14:00	14:00 – 15:00
Monday 8th March	9LNe	9JMo	9NHo	11CM	11CMJ	11DR
	9EMz	9SPo	9HH	11JK	11NMO	11AB
Tuesday 9th March	7AHB	7LK	7ZH	12/13 SSi	12/13 GC	12/13 SBI
	7DB	7KT	7TC	12/13 MB	12/13 CP	12/13 CK
Wednesday 10th March	8VBO	8RP	8JEL	10HNA	10JHA	10CFM
	8KEY	8TWi	8LDU	10BP	10RH	10SLE

The staggered arrival times are only for your child's first day back. From their second day, they should arrive at the normal time, and go straight to their tutor bubble.



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Times of the day for the remainder of this term:

	Arrival at school	Tutor	Break	Lunch	End of Day
7	08:40	08:50 – 09:10	10:10 – 10:40	12:40 – 1:10	3:10
8	08:30	08:40 – 09:10	10:10 – 10:40	12:40 – 1:10	3:00
9	08:40	08:50 – 09:10	11:10 – 11:40	1:40 – 2:10	3:00
10	08:40	08:50 – 09:10	11:10 – 11:40	1:40 – 2:10	3:10
11	08:30	08:40 – 09:10	10:10 – 10:40	12:40 – 1:10	3:20
VI Form	08:50	09:00 – 09:10	11:10 – 11:40	1:40 – 2:10	3:20

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and co-operation as we bring the school community back together, and implement Government directives. If you or your child have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact their tutor or use the heretohelp@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk email.

Kind regards,

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