



# Murray Park School



COVID-19  
Student Guide:  
Return from Lockdown  
from March 2021



# Murray Park Return to School COVID-19 Guide 2021



## A message from your Headteacher - Mrs Caley

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school in March. This guide is designed to help you and your parents/carers understand the process of returning to school. It will cover the following:

- When and how you will return to school
- Structure of the first week back
- Travel to and from school
- What should you do if you or someone in your family experiences COVID-19 symptoms?
- What should you expect when you arrive in school?
- Classrooms, groups and social distancing
- Our expectations of you and your expectations of us
- FAQs – including answers around how we will support you on your return, PPE





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## When and how will you return to school?

- ✓ There will be a phased return to school starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, with all students in lessons on the school site by 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## COVID-19 Testing:

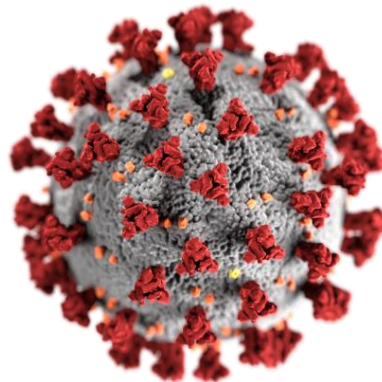
- ✓ The government has asked that schools test students three times in the first two weeks of return to school. Parents/carers will have to consent to this.
- ✓ Please see the separate letter and consent form sent to all parents/carers.
- ✓ Following this initial period, students will take testing kits home with them with full instructions on testing twice a week.
- ✓ Testing is an optional requirement for return to school – those who do not take part in the testing will return on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Timetable of the w/b 8<sup>th</sup> March:

- ✓ We have set out a plan of how we intend to test all students whose parents/carers have given permission, the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- ✓ Please see the grid on Page 4 which explains how this will work.
- ✓ As all teachers will be back in school the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March, and beginning to teach in classrooms, all on-line learning will be set work, rather than live lessons.

## Arrangements from 15<sup>th</sup> March:

- ✓ From 15<sup>th</sup> March, if a student is isolating or shielding, teachers will be aware and will set work and/or involve you in their lessons via a live link through Teams.





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Date	Year Group	Test Time	Year Group Arrangements
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11M	8.40am	Year 11 students only on site at the time they are being tested. Year 11 to report to Cedar Park, have the test, then go home.  Year 7, 8, 9, 10 students stay at home.  Current key worker school students attend their normal lessons.
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	11R	10am	
	11A	10.30am	
	11P	11am	
	11K	1pm	
	11S	1.30pm	
	11X	2pm	
	11 Bridge	2.30pm	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10M	8.40am	Year 10 students only on site at the time they are being tested. Year 10 to report to Cedar Park, have the test, then go home.  Year 7, 8, 9 stay at home.  All Year 11, who have tested negative, begin at 8.30am and attend a normal school day.  Current key worker school students attend their normal lessons.
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	10A	10.30am	
	10P	11am	
	10K	1pm	
	10S	1.30pm	
	10Y	2pm	
	10 Bridge	2.30pm	
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9M	8.40am	Year 9 students only on site at the time they are being tested. Year 9 to report to Cedar Park, have the test, then go home.  Year 7 and 8 students stay at home.  All Year 11 and 10, who have tested negative, begin at 8.30am and attend a normal school day.  Current key worker school students attend their normal lessons.
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	9R	10am	
	9A	10.30am	
	9P	11am	
	9K	1pm	
	9S	1.30pm	
	9Y	2pm	
	9 Bridge	2.30pm	
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8M	8.40am	Year 8 students only on site at the time they are being tested. Year 8 to report to Cedar Park, have the test, then go home.  Year 7 students stay at home.  All Year 11, 10 and 9, who have tested negative, begin at 8.30am and attend a normal school day.  Current key worker school students attend their normal lessons.  Year 11 re-tested - to continue on a rolling programme into week 2.
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	8A	10.30am	
	8P	11am	
	8K	1pm	
	8S	1.30pm	
	8Y	2pm	
	8 Bridge	2.30pm	
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7M	8.40am	Year 7 students only on site at the time they are being tested. Year 7 to report to Cedar Park, have the test, then go home.  All Year 11, 10, 9 and 8 who have tested negative, begin at 8.30am and attend a normal school day.  Current key worker school students attend their normal lessons.  Year 10 re-tested – to continue on a rolling programme into week 2.
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	7R	10am	
	7A	10.30am	
	7P	11am	
	7K	1pm	
	7S	1.30pm	
	7Y	2pm	
	7 Bridge	2.30pm	
<b>From 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	All year groups attend as normal, unless a student has tested positive and/or has been in close contact with someone who has or is clinically extremely vulnerable.		



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## Travel to and from school:

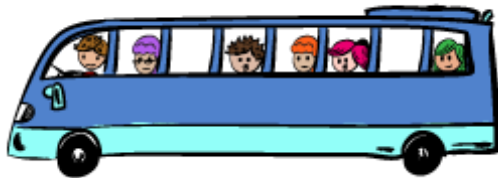


Walk or cycle to school where possible.



Please walk/travel to school with someone in your year bubble or your family. If you cannot do this, try to maintain a 2m distance when walking/travelling to and from school. You should go straight home and not meet in groups out of school until national restrictions are lifted.

Minimise your use of public transport. If you do have to use a bus, you **MUST** wear a face covering. Please email school if you would like us to send you a face mask on [info@murraypark.derby.sch.uk](mailto:info@murraypark.derby.sch.uk). If you forget your face mask, we can provide one.

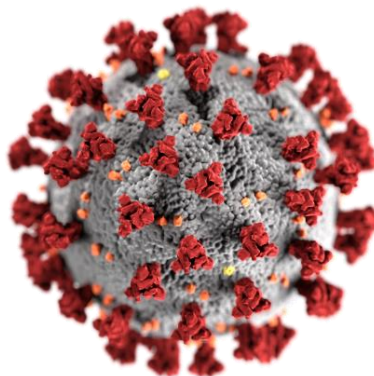




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## What should you do if you experience COVID-19 symptoms?

- If you have **coronavirus symptoms** – a temperature, a cough or loss of a sense of smell or taste - or you have someone in your household who does, **DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL**. Please ring school to let us know that you/a member of your household has symptoms and that you/they are going for a test. Please let us know the results of the test.
- If you become poorly in school, with COVID-19 symptoms, you will be asked to wait in our COVID-19 medical room, whilst you wait for your parent/carer to pick you up. Again, you must get a test at this point and let us know the results.
- If you have a positive test, you should self-isolate for 10 days. We will follow the test and trace guidance. Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 10 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:
  - ✓ direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
  - ✓ proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual
  - ✓ travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person
- We will inform the government of any positive test and seek further assistance from them.





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## What should you expect when you returning school?

- Uniform should be worn whenever you are on-site from 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Masks should be worn in all inside areas**, including in corridors, lining up for food, classrooms. You do not have to wear a masks when you have PE or you are sat down in the dinner halls and Cedar Park. This means you do not need to wear a mask outside from 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Please continue to follow the signage in school.
- You should continue to line up for lessons outside where possible.
- Stay to the left on all corridors.
- When you enter a classroom, please take a wipe and wipe your table before you begin work. Wipe at the end of the lesson. Dispose of your wipe in the classroom bin.
- Surfaces will be cleaned frequently with disinfectant sprays.
- Do not touch your face.
- Do not touch other students – keep your distance where possible.



- Staggered start and end to the school day (to be reviewed at Easter).
- Normal timetable with tutor time at the start of every day - slight staggering at the start and end of the day/break/lunch.
- Year groups form bubbles with groupings as normal – mixture of setting and mixed ability.
- Normal uniform for students. Students change in changing rooms for PE – changing rooms cleaned in between.
- Students can bring normal school bags with their own pencil cases.
- Sanitise hands on entry to and exit from classrooms/changing rooms.



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- Boosters for all year groups at the end of the day – invite only based on assessment results.
- The water fountains will be out of use, so **please bring a bottle of water** for your personal use during the day.
- Please remember to wear your coloured pin on your blazer so your year group bubble/mask exemption can be easily identified. Please wear this at all times.
- Extra-curricular clubs will return as a part of your school day. See the tutor notices.
- You will continue to have zoned areas where your group can congregate during break and lunch – please stick to these areas for everyone’s safety.

**Before School, Break, Lunch:**

- Year 7 – Main Hall (right), Year 7 Base, top left of the field, seating area outside Maths y  
Year 7 toilets: IT/MFL/Science
- Year 8 – Small Dining Hall, Year 8 Base, top right of the field, left of courts  
Year 8 toilets: Geography/Art and Engineering and Design
- Year 9 Cedar Park Hall, bottom right of field using right hand track, right of courts.  
Year 9 toilets: Cedar Park
- Year 10 – Main Hall (left), bottom left field, Maple Park pathways, quad  
Year 10 toilets: downstairs Maple Park
- Year 11 – Coffee Bar, Maple Park pathways, area outside Student Services, top courts  
Year 11 toilets: upstairs Maple Park

**Year Group Bubble Zones**

Field  
Open during suitable weather.

Top courts

Please note the changes to the lunch time and end timing of the school day for KS3 from 8th March 2021:

Year Group	Start of the school day	End of the school day	Boosters
Years 10 and 11	8.30am	3pm	3-4pm for invited students after baseline testing and ongoing testing to check gaps in learning.
Years 7,8, 9	8.40am	2.55pm (5 mins taken off lunch-time)	3-4pm for invited students after baseline and ongoing testing to check gaps in learning.





## **Our expectations of you and your expectations of us.**

Our Murray Park Values remain as strong as ever.

Your safety is of paramount importance and we are all expected to play our part in limiting the impact of COVID-19 both in school and in our community.

It is absolutely vital that you follow the guidance from staff and that behaviour is impeccable at all times.

Poor behaviour or behaviour that threatens to disrupt the learning of others will not be tolerated.

**Any behaviour that threatens the safety of staff, students or the wider community around school will also not be tolerated and will lead to students having to learn remotely. You will be given a mentor to talk through your behaviour and work towards moving quickly back to face-to-face lessons in a safe manner.**



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1 – How will school reduce the risk of the virus spreading?

Murray Park School has developed a comprehensive Risk Assessment and Action Plan, to ensure that the highest possible hygiene and social distancing measures are in place to protect both students and staff. The creation of classroom ‘bubbles’ and zoning within school, as well



as testing and limiting the movement of students around internal corridors within school, significantly reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 and the widespread availability of hand sanitiser further helps protect students and staff.

### 2 – How will school help support students with their mental health?

This is a vitally important question and the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 has taken a toll on everybody’s mental health since lockdown was announced. All members of staff are committed to supporting you with your return to learning and recognise that mental health is of great importance. Please see your tutor if you feel you need help with your return to school.

### 3 – Will PPE be worn by students and staff?

Staff and students will wear masks in all **inside areas, including corridors and classrooms**, apart from PE lessons and the dinner halls. Only in exceptional circumstances will exemption be in place – you must wear an orange badge if you are exempt.

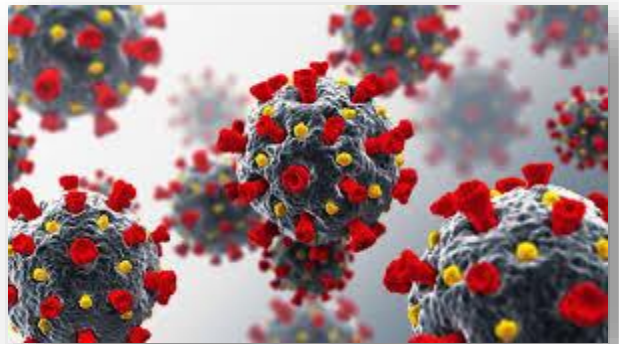


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In order to support you, Murray Park School has purchased disposable masks for those who have forgotten their mask, though it is expected that all students will provide their own masks on a daily basis.

### 4 – What will happen if someone within the schools tests positive for COVID-19?

If a student or member of staff falls ill and is tested positive for COVID-19 they must self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone who has been in close contact with them in the previous 48 hours, will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days. There will be no need to shut the school entirely due to the bubble and zoning systems, unless this is advised by a government body.



### 5 – Will work and lessons continue remotely?

Lessons will continue with online tasks and/or remotely using Teams for some students, for example, for those who are clinically extremely vulnerable or are isolating.

### 6 – How will students cover the work that they have missed?

Staff at Murray Park School have altered their curriculum plans for each subject in order to ensure that core information is covered. All subjects will undertake academic testing on our return to enable teachers to establish which areas students need support on to catch up. Extra sessions will be arranged for all students whose scores indicate intervention would aid your learning moving forward.



I hope you found this booklet useful. Please do not hesitate to email your tutor if you have any questions and they will seek the answer for you.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school in March 2021.

Information in this booklet is correct as of 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. All details are subject to change to ensure we are meeting the UK government advice and instruction.