

# Looking forward to school September 2020

# Student information and guidance for full re-opening

We've missed you! On 2nd July, the Government announced that all students should return to school in September. We are now working hard at school to make sure that we all stay safe and can return to our learning in the best way possible.

We appreciate that this can be quite worrying and daunting for some of you. Please read the letter on the school's website about 'Return to School September 2020'.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone!

## **BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL**

**Q1. Where do I go and what time will I need to arrive into school on the first day?** Please see **Return to School September 2020 details on the school's website for full details.** You will enter the school through your Year groups designated entry point to allow for social distancing measures to be in place. On arrival, you will be met by staff who will direct you to your allocated year group zone. You will leave school at the end of the day through the same gate. Please check the arrival and leaving times for your year group in the table below.

#### DESIGNATED ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

YEAR	ENTRY & EXIT POINT	START	DEPART
7	Millenium Pedestrian Gate	8.45 am	2.45 pm
8	Main entrance by reception	9.45 am	2.45 pm
12	Main entrance by reception	By appointment throughout the day	

#### INDUCTION DAY 1 - Thursday 3rd September - YEARS 7, 8 and 12 ONLY

INDUCTION DAY 2 - Friday 4th September - Years 9, 10 and 11 ONLY

YEAR	ENTRY & EXIT POINT	START	DEPART
9	6th form entrance (car park)	8.45 am	2.45 pm
10	6th form entrance (car park)	9.45 am	3.00 pm
11 Main entrance by reception		10.45 am	3.00pm

#### Q2. Do I have to return to school?

Everyone is returning to school in England in September and all students should aim for 100% attendance as you have always done. Unless you are self-isolating, the Government has said it's compulsory for all students to return from the start of the Autumn term. It is equally important for you to attend school on time each day. Form Tutors will continue to talk to you about attendance and punctuality to help you settle back into school. *If you, or you've been exposed to somebody presenting any symptoms of coronavirus, please do not come into school.* 

#### Q3. What if I am anxious about returning to school?

We understand that you might feel nervous or anxious about returning to school. In these cases, your parents/carers should contact the respective Head of Year as soon as possible in order for the right support to be in place to help reassure you that it is safe and that we are going to make sure you are happy to be here! There will be staff on hand to help you feel reassured throughout the day for as long as you need this. There will also be safe spaces for you to spend time in.

#### Q4. What is a bubble, and will I be able to mix with friends in another year group?

You will be grouped with your year group (bubble) with minimal movement around the school. You will receive personalised timetables in September which indicate which classrooms you will use within your 'zone' each day. You will also be given a pin badge representing your year group. This badge needs to be worn at all times.

You may not mix with friends in another year group bubble in school. Year groups have to be kept separate.

Year	Colour of ZONE and pin badge	Location
7	Blue	Millennium Block & Theatre
8	Red	Ginever Block
9	Orange	A Block, MFL, DT & Business Studies
10	Yellow	Music, Sixth Form study rooms, A15, A16, A17 & A18, A13, A27 & the Learning Centre
11	Green	B Block Maths classroom, B42 and Science labs

#### Q5. Will I have to socially distance within my bubble?

Yes, where possible, please try to keep distance from one another (at least 1m) within your group and keep your distance from staff. You will not be able to enter the teachers zone which is marked at the front of each classroom. All teaching blocks will operate a one-way system which must be adhered to. Try to walk in single file in corridors.

#### Q6. How should I travel to school?

If you can, avoid using public transport (buses, trams and trains). Walk or cycle to school if you can or get a lift from parents/carers. Please leave your bike in the usual place in school, allowing for social distancing. You should always be keeping 2-metres apart from everyone. If you do have to use a bus or train, you must use a face covering. Your face covering must be removed and disposed of before entering the school. There will be bins at the entrances into school for you to use. For more information on travelling to school by bus visit the website

https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/information-for/young-people/information-for-students/

#### Q7. Do I wear the normal school uniform?

Yes please. There are no changes to the uniform rules. The only day that this may differ is on your PE lesson days where you will be asked to come in your school tracksuit.

#### Q8. Can I see what the school environment looks like?

Yes there are virtual tours on the school website.

### WHILST IN SCHOOL

#### Q1. Will I have my normal lessons?

Yes. You will follow your new school year timetable. These will be given out on your first day back. You will have all the lessons you are used to studying.

#### Q2. If I forget my equipment, will I be allowed to borrow from peers or teachers?

Try to remember to pack your bag the night before and ensure you are equipped for your lessons the next day with a pen, pencil, and ruler as the minimum requirement. This is especially important as borrowing of equipment is prohibited due to hygiene reasons. This includes water bottles.

#### Q3. Should I wear a face mask?

Public Health England says at the moment that you do not have to wear a face covering in school. They do not think it is necessary. They also think that wearing a covering could have a negative effect on communication and therefore, your education. However, guidance on this is changing all the time depending on local lockdowns so we will update you as necessary.

#### Q4. Will I be allowed to go to the toilet?

You will need to get permission from a member of staff during lessons before using the toilet. Each year group zone will be assigned a toilet. Only one student will be allowed in each toilet (room) at any one time. Others will need to wait and queue outside the toilet, along the corridor observing 2-metre social distancing on entry and exit.

#### Q5. Will I be able to use my own hand sanitiser in lessons?

You will be allowed to apply it at regular intervals. All classrooms will have antibacterial spray, blue paper rolls and designated pedal bins. Please dispose of any used items immediately in the bins provided.

#### Q6. What if I'm not feeling well in lessons?

Tell an adult immediately, especially if you are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus. Mr. Franklin or your Head of Year will be contacted to administer first aid.

#### Q7. Will the canteen be open?

The canteen will remain closed until further notice. You will be expected to bring in your own packed lunch. If you receive Free School Meals you will be provided with a packed lunch which you will collect from your Head of Year Base. If you are Pupil Premium you will collect your breakfast from your Head of Year Base. The water fountains will be unavailable due to risk of infection, so bring all your drinks with you.

#### Q8. Where will I find my Head and Assistant Head of Year?

Each Head of Year has a year group base where they and the Assistant Head of Year can be found. These are located in your year group zone.

Year 7	Mr Peacock & Mrs Ball	Reading Room
Year 8	Mr Sherriff & Mrs Mahey	Head of Year offices in Ginever block
Year 9	Mrs Johnson & Miss Lord	A25
Year 10	Mr Maullin & Miss Pritchard	A14

Year 11 Mrs Smith & Mr Potts B31	
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#### Q9. Where do I go during break and lunchtime?

You will be asked to remain with your year group and eat your lunch in your year group classroom. The lunchtime will be split into two 25 minute blocks. You will stay in the classroom for 25 minutes to eat your lunch, and in the other 25 minutes you will be able go outside and will have access to your allocated toilets during this time. This is so the school can stagger the lunchtimes and different year groups are not using the toilets. These will be cleaned during and after Lunch A and Lunch B to stop cross contamination. Each year group has allocated break out spaces. You will have time to go outside for some fresh air in your zone social area.

Year	Lunch A	Lunch B	Break out space	Toilets
7	12.30 - 12.55 Eat in Class	12.55 to 1.20 Outside	Exterior by Millennium block	Millenium block
8	12.30 - 12.55 Outside	12.55 to 1.20 Eat in class	Pond quad area & green area by the Sports Arena	B Block
9	12.30 - 12.55 Outside	12.55 to 1.20 Eat in class	Sixth Form quad	A Block
10	12.30 - 12.55 Eat in Class	12.55 to 1.20 Outside	Lower cage	A Block
11	12.30 - 12.55 Eat in Class	12.55 to 1.20 Outside	Upper cage	B Block

#### Q10. Will I be able to meet up with my friends during break and lunchtime?

Yes, but only within your own year group and within your year group zone

#### Q11. Will I be able to get changed when I have PE?

If you are timetabled for PE, you will be allowed to arrive into school in the school's tracksuit.

#### Q12. Will there be any homework clubs or after school activities?

Unfortunately, not at first but as soon as we have settled into our work and routines and it is safe to do so, they will be organised for you again. Details of the clubs will be shared with you as soon as they are available.

#### Q14. What will the behaviour expectations be like?

It is even more important now, that everyone settles into their schoolwork and has respect for everyone around them in our school community. Our priority is learning. That is why our normal expectations for good behaviour still apply.

#### Please:

- ✓ Attend school on time
- ✓ Enter and leave school using the allocated entrances and exits
- ✓ Wear full and accurate school uniform
- ✓ Have all appropriate equipment
- ✓ Move around in the designated zone calmly, adhering to the 2 metre social distancing rule
- ✓ Line up for lessons quietly and in single file

- ✓ Enter classrooms quietly, moving straight your own seat
- ✓ Raise your hand for all questions
- ✓ Refrain from shouting out
- ✓ Treat everyone with respect and courtesy
- ✓ Listen to and engage fully with the lesson
- ✓ Pack equipment away quickly and quietly

#### Q14. Are there any organisations outside of school that could help and support me?

Yes of course. There are loads of links on the school website under 'Safeguarding'. We've mentioned them before but Base 25, Kooth, Young Minds, NSPCC are some of the main ones you could contact. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding Team at school who have been working every day throughout school closure to support students – <u>safeguardingteam@speters.org.uk</u>. Use them if you need to or help a friend out by telling them where they can find this support.

#### Q15. Will I still have access to Base 25 in school?

Yes appointments will still be made. Mr Holmes will contact you and let you know when they are.

# We look forward to seeing everyone after the summer break. Enjoy your holiday and stay safe!