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Introduction:

From September 2020, schools and colleges will begin to fully reopen. Careful consideration of the Government's guidance has been taken and new systems and structures have been established to ensure we can welcome back all students in a way that reduces risks. Please be assured that in planning to welcome back more pupils into our school, the safety of your children has been at the forefront of our minds.

What the school leaders will do (headteacher, senior leaders and governors):

The health and safety of your child is everyone's first priority. We will act in accordance with current government guidance on hygiene (including cleaning) and safe social distancing.

The following protective measures are in place:

- the availability of soap and hot water for washing of hands
- the use of hand sanitiser stations, where appropriate
- the location and use of lidded bins for the disposal of tissues and any other waste, as appropriate
- a supply of disposable tissues to implement the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' approach in placed in each classroom
- each year group will have its own 'bubble' and will be separate from the rest of the school as much as possible (years 7 and 8 will be in taught in their tutor groups)
- ensuring social distancing between staff and students and different year group bubbles is in place
- changes to the school's Behaviour Policy to support the health and safety of all those in school; the addendum to the Behaviour Policy is in a separate document
- staff and students will be encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings or PPE if they wish to do so outside of classrooms and in social spaces where maintaining social distancing is more difficult.

We may need to change our decisions based on new government guidance as the current situation develops or based on our school context and the outcome of the risk assessment. As there is a significant change in school and classroom organisation, the school will need to review and revise policies implemented across the school at this time.

We will:

- continue to follow the safeguarding policies and procedures where concerns have been identified
- work through the hierarchy of measures for implementing protective measures for all which are
 - avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
 - frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
 - regular cleaning of settings



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- minimising contact and mixing
- contact parents/carers should their child or another child in their group become unwell and follow the most up to date DfE and PHE guidance
- make decisions about what children will learn and how to help children to adapt to new school routines and restrictions
- keep in regular contact with parents/carers and ensure you are updated

Where there are pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), we will work with parents, the local authority and other external partners to make reasonable endeavours to provide all or some of the provision outlined in the EHCP. This may mean that the provision for a child may temporarily differ from what is set out in their EHCP. This will be reviewed regularly.

What parents/carers need to do to support your children and the school:

- do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in their household has symptoms of the coronavirus
- work with us to help bring your child back to school, as per government guidance and the school's capacity to do so. Please communicate regularly with us if you choose to keep your child at home at any time during this phase of re-opening
- provide your emergency contact details, if these have changed. This is so that we have the most accurate information should there be a need to contact you.
- recognise and support the school in any adaptations or modifications which we have made to the school's behaviour policy (see Addendum to the Behaviour Policy in a separate document) understand that these are challenging times and accept circumstances for providing education in school may vary and change quickly. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher because of staff availability each day.
- follow all hygiene regulations put in place by school leaders. You must carefully follow all the instructions for dropping off and collecting children. You must also follow the distancing arrangements in place for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day.
- ensure your child arrives at school only at the time identified, not earlier or later to manage the staggered start to the day.
- you should be aware of the recommendations on using transport to and from school. If you can, avoid and reduce any unnecessary travel on coaches and public transport
- provide hand sanitiser and a face covering for your child if they are using dedicated school transport
- if your child is travelling independently to and from school, ensure they maintain safe social distancing and to avoid walking with other students outside of their year group bubble or household. We need to ensure crowds of young people do not congregate in the community and ensure all students restrict their contact with others.
- if for any reason your child is unable to attend school please notify the school by calling and leaving a message or sending a text. Please use the attendance link when calling the school.
- students should have a face covering and also a plastic bag to place the covering in when not wearing it. Students will be able to wear their own PPE if they wish to do so and will be encouraged to wear them particularly when they are not in the classroom or where social distancing cannot be maintained.



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- students are required to wear school uniform; we ask that clothes are washed as regularly as possible to minimise risk.
- we will provide students with some equipment and resources but they should still bring their own basic equipment with them e.g. water bottle, snack, lunch box etc. Equipment from home should not be shared with others.
- parents and carers should not enter the school site without a prior appointment.
- it is essential that you inform the school if your child or anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms. Please follow government advice regarding isolating measures to reduce the risk of transmission. You will need to ensure your child or household members get a test so that “test and trace” procedures can be followed if they are available.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren or they are displaying symptoms of stress or anxiety, please contact the school and follow Public Health England (PHE) advice. There is useful information on our school website.

What students need to do:

- students need to follow any altered routines for arrival, leaving from school and moving around during the school day.
- students must use hand sanitiser and wear a face covering on school transport
- students should wear their coloured lanyard provided by the school
- students must follow the school’s rules on handwashing and using sanitiser, including when using the toilets.
- students must meet the ‘Catch it, bin it, kill it!’ expectations
- students should bring a face covering and suitable plastic bag/ container for safe storage to school
- students must tell an adult if they feel unwell.
- students should follow the rules about sharing equipment and other items.
- students should follow adult instructions on how they can socialise appropriately
- students must not share food or drink with others.
- students must follow the school’s rules and expectations to keep them safe both when in school and when working online remote learning.
- students must ensure on their way to and from school that they maintain safe social distancing and avoid walking with other students outside of their year group bubble or household.
- students should not arrive at school earlier than their published time, nor wait around on site or outside the school site after their departure time. These times are planned to stagger the number of young people walking in the community.

Above all, all children should demonstrate their usual respectful behaviour towards each other and adults. They should try their best to ensure the health and safety of others by following the school’s protocols and teachers’ instructions to avoid unnecessary contact. Failure to do so could lead to the student being sent home immediately. Please see the Behaviour Policy Addendum for further information.