

Returning to School September 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a cashless system operating in the dining hall?

Yes, there is; this has been set up by the Local Authority's Catering Service. Answers to all of your questions are set out in a separate document in this section of the website 'Cashless System FAQs'.

Can my child bring their own equipment into school?

Your child should be bringing in a pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, rubber and calculator. This means that they are not sharing equipment throughout the day.

Can my child bring in a packed lunch?

They can and that can be in a lunchbox that you provide and which goes home with them at the end of the day.

What does my child wear on the days they have PE?

Full PE kit and if it is cold, navy blue leggings, which they wear under their shorts. No joggers.

Do PE trainers need to be black?

No but ideally they need to be proper sporting trainers that will support their feet and ankles. Converse, Vans and Huarache are not suitable.

My child has completed their transition booklet during lockdown, should that be brought into school?

Yes and hand it in to their Form Tutor. We are very interested to see how they have been getting on during lockdown.

Is the scholar's bus running?

It is but the Local Authority is encouraging students to either walk or cycle to school. This is not always possible and the scholar's bus maybe the only way to get to school. A reminder though that the wearing of face covering on public transport is mandatory for children aged 11 and over, except where an individual has exemptions for medical reasons. People without face coverings may be refused travel.

Will there be any lunchtime Clubs?

Not in the first week but this will be reviewed and hopefully clubs can be organised within 'bubbles'.

Will Academies be continuing?

Yes, they will and again but only within 'bubbles'

Can my child eat food on the yard areas?

The same rule will apply as previous years and food can only be eaten in the dining hall. Years 10 and 11 will have access to the dining hall at break time at 11.15, Years 7 & 8 will have their lunch at 12.15 and Year 9 will always be on first lunch at 1.15.

My child is anxious and I was wondering what support is in place for them?

In the first instance it is important that you contact your child's Head of Year to discuss the issue. Following on from that they have their Form Tutor to speak to with further support provided by our Learning Mentors. We also buy in professional support and a referral can be made for that if it is felt necessary. The important thing is that your child lets us know if they are struggling.

What will happen if I do not want to send my child into school?

Government guidelines are very clear and all children should return to school for the new academic year. In the first instance it is important that you contact school to discuss the problem and every support will be given to you and child to allow this to happen. However, if they do not return, normal non-attendance proceedings will be put into place.