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Langdon Park School

COVID

Guide for parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are aware that this is a very difficult time for you and that you are anxious about your child returning to school full-time.

We have therefore placed all of the important information about returning safely in this booklet to help reduce the stress and concerns that you may have.

We will continue to update the information as it changes, this can be accessed from the school website www.langdonpark.org

Mr N. Langham
Headteacher

Why are students returning to school?

It is good for children's mental wellbeing.

School is the best place for them to learn.

It is good for children to socialise with other children.



Face Masks

A Face mask **MUST** be worn

To school

In line up and in common areas

On the way home

Must be stored in a sealable plastic bag

Your child will be unable to wear their mask in a classroom setting unless they have a medical condition, this will need to be discussed with their Head of Year

Your child must not share their mask with anyone else

It is also important that you understand that the quality of the face covering and the way it is used is your child's responsibility. They will be taught the appropriate routines to keep themselves safe and it is important that they take ownership of it to ensure that they remain as safe as possible.



Transport

There are several options to consider for your child to get to school. The Government strongly advise that students walk to school or travel by bike, to reduce the need for public transport. Social distancing should be maintained on the journey to and from school. Not only is this good for children's health and well-being, it also reduces the risk of contracting Covid-19.



If you have no other option but to drop your child off at school, please use a suitable drop off and pick up location at a distance from the school so that is safe and does not disturb the local community. We would encourage children making their way onto the school grounds where this is possible, rather than waiting outside on the pavement.



Uniform



We want our children to feel safe and help them feel as normal as possible, as soon as possible. In order to support this, set the tone for learning, and following DfE guidance on Friday, 7th August, we require all of our students to be in full uniform. This includes the correct school shoes, a tie and blazer. If you have any problems related to the purchasing of school uniform then please contact the school immediately and this will be dealt with in confidence. Any non-uniform compliance will be sanctioned from Monday, 7th September.



Start date changes

We have identified the need to spend more focused induction time with students in each year group.

Our aim is to be able to support your child to remain as safe as possible and to reduce the transmission of the virus in the community. Therefore, we have staggered the start and end of the school day and have organised different entry and exit points so that students remain in their year group bubble.

Students will not be permitted to remain on the school site at the end of the day unless meeting with their Head of Year and will be escorted off site as quickly as possible to avoid congestion. Students must start to make their way home straight away.

Year group / colour	Entrance / exit	Learning area	Outside zone	Departure time	Assembly Day
11 / red	Red Gate (Byron Street) Arrive 8.30am – 8.40am	Temp buildings / PE classroom / MFL 2/3	Red zone 6 th form garden area and small gym	3.10pm	Monday at 3.00pm
10 / blue	Blue Gate (Gate next to science) Arrive 8.30am – 8.40am	Science rooms	Blue zone Basketball area by science	3.05pm	Wednesday at 3.00pm
9 / yellow	Yellow Gate (Main Gate by reception) Arrive 8.40am	English	Yellow zone Football pitch right hand side	3.00pm escorted down stair well to yellow gate	Thursday at 3.00pm
8 / green	Green Gate Hay Currie next to D block Arrive 8.45am	Humanities	Green zone Mugga and football pitch left hand side	2.50pm escorted by class teacher to green gate	Tuesday at 3.00pm
7 / orange	Byron Street / Orange Gate Arrive 8.45am	Maths	Orange zone Tennis court area	2.50pm escorted by class teacher to orange gate	Friday assembly will start at 2.40pm
6 th Form	Through Spotlight?	Spotlight DT 1, 2, 4, 5 LAB 1	Common room	3.10pm	



Attendance and Punctuality

The DFE have asked us to have specific safety measures in place and we have adhered to these very stringently, therefore, it is compulsory to send your child to school and on time. Obviously, if your child is self-isolating and has had symptoms or a positive test result themselves; or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) they will not be expected to attend.



If your child is under the care of a health specialist, you may wish to discuss the return to school with them and share the plan with the school medical team or Head of Year. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised, again though we would like to engage with you about how we can best support your child.



Curriculum

We know that our students and their parents/carers are concerned about what work they have missed. Since we closed the school, work was provided for those with, and without access to the internet, therefore, we hope that gaps in knowledge will not be too great. The curriculum we have is a journey and, in most cases, your child will re-start that journey from where they left off in March. And, as teachers, we will do everything we can to ensure that your child catches up from that point. However, fortunately, some content in some GCSE subjects has been removed for students who will be starting in Year 11, more information will be shared with the students with regards to specific subjects.

In addition, your child will be expected to bring their own equipment to school so that they do not share items with others. please ensure that they have these items with them on a daily basis.

As your child is in a bubble with the same year group they will be able to experience the full curriculum and not lose out on any of their learning.

While lessons will 'feel' a little different to all children as we make classrooms Covid-secure, the quality of lessons will remain high. Rest assured that in the event of your child not being able to attend the school in future for whatever reason, plans are in place to ensure the continuity of their education, both on-line and off-line. Your child will be told about these plans, in advance, on their return.

P.E

Students will participate in P.E lessons. It is vital that children exercise regularly for all benefits so students need to bring P.E equipment to school.

Equipment

It is important that students in Year 7-11 have the following equipment with them every day:

- Two black pens
- A green pen
- A pencil
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator

Lunch and Free School meals



It is important that you understand that school life will be different and that we will not be offering the same level of provision because we have to put measures in place to control the virus and ensure that we are able to stay open for as long as possible; we do not want to have to close the school again. Therefore, we will not be offering a morning break snack service and we ask children bring their own healthy snack into school. Parents/Carers will need to top up 'Parent Pay' before their child starts school, students will not be able to use the top up machines in school. Students MUST bring a bottle of water to school. Other drinks are not permitted in school.

Chewing gum

Chewing gum is banned in school at all times. Chewing gum now causes a health risk. Parents will be contacted if chewing gum in school.

Measures we have in place

The measures we have put in place as part of our risk assessment are as follows:

- Parents will not be allowed to enter the school site without prior appointment
- Parents must not congregate outside any of the school gates. Such congestion not only risks spreading the virus, but makes it more difficult to dismiss our children safely
- Parents with COVID symptoms must not come on to our site under any circumstances
- Parental meetings will ideally take place by phone or virtually. Any face to face meetings will be socially distanced.
- Children with COVID-19 symptoms must not come to school. They must self-isolate at home and book a test. Tests can be obtained from: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>
- Students will be taught in year group bubbles.
- Students will continue to move around the school using our one-way system
- We have paper towels in the toilets now as hand dryers cannot be used.
- Students will sit side by side, facing the front at all times, where possible
- Boxes of tissue paper will be provided in each classroom so that students can '*catch it, bin it and kill it*'
- The doors to each classroom will be held open so that students don't have to touch it. Where possible all windows will be left open to ensure full natural ventilation. We will be installing air purifiers in some classrooms.
- Antiseptic wipes/sprays will be provided in each classroom which students can use to wipe their work surfaces or any equipment they use.
- Students will be assigned to specific sections of the playgrounds to keep them in separate year group bubbles. Hand washing stations have been installed in each playground and students will be expected to wash their hands at the end of break before re-entering the building
- The use of the school library before and after school will be restricted to a year group per day
- After school clubs and activities will only take place in year group bubbles
- Enhanced and more regular cleaning of toilets will take place during the school day
- Classrooms (including tables/chairs) will be deep cleaned at the end of each school day



Pastoral care and Student Expectations

We understand that this will be anxious time for you and your children but I can assure you that we have carefully thought about the measures we have put in place and are confident that if we all adhere to it, we will minimise the risk of any transmission. Our pastoral staff will also provide emotional and mental health support to our vulnerable and at-risk children. All students will receive clear training and guidance on all these measures to ensure that they fully understand what is required of them.

Our normal school rules will students on returning to school will be reminded of the 4 Bes are the expected conduct at school and on the way to and home. The new arrangements set out above will also form part of our code of expectation and school rules. We are grateful for your support and will strongly urge you to go through the contents of this booklet with your child.

Students are expected as always

Hygiene

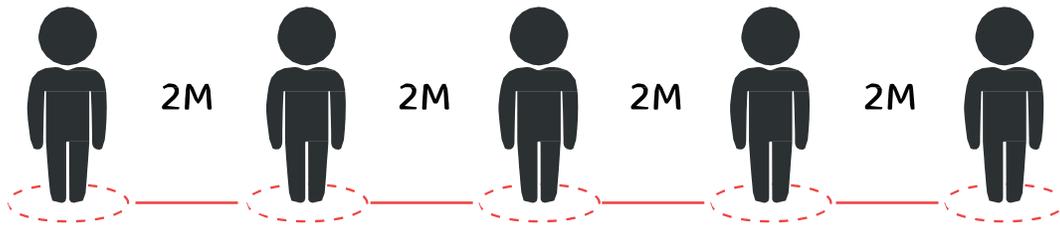
The most important aspect of being able to control the virus is cleaning hands. At Langdon Park this will mean frequent hand sanitising at different points throughout the day:

- On entry to classroom
- Break time and lunch time hand washing
- Before and after lunch

This will also be accompanied by the cleaning of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. We need your child to adhere to these expectations otherwise they risk being sent home. Students must bring to school a pack of tissues so they can catch it, bin and kill any virus that may be present.

Social Distancing

Please try to keep a safe space between yourself and other people.



How to protect against COVID-19



Protect yourself by washing your hands frequently or decontaminate with hand sanitisers.



Protect yourself by not touching your mouth, nose or eye after touching surfaces.



Protect yourself and others by routinely cleaning hand contact surfaces and sneezing hygienically.

3 easy steps



1. Catch it!



2. Bin it!



3. Kill it!



Minimising the spread of COVID-19

If your child develops any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) whilst they are at school then they will be isolated and you will be asked to collect them immediately and asked to book a test for you and your family. They are not to return to school until you have spoken to the Head of Year and confirmed a negative test.

Will my child be tested ?



Yes, if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus they will be able to be tested by a medical professional but not in school. You may be given a test to use. If the test is positive you will be asked to provide details of all people your child has been in contact with to Track and Trace



Symptoms at home

If anyone in your home becomes unwell with any of the symptoms they must stay at home and follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

If your child develops symptoms at home, you must get them tested and continue to keep your school informed. Parents should call the school/s of their children to inform them of the reason for their child/children's absence.

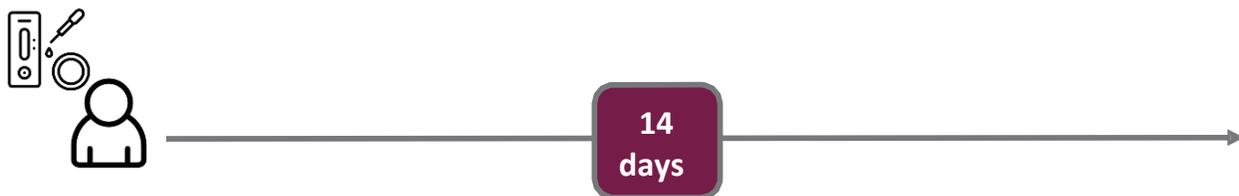
What if there is a case of Coronavirus in school?



The person with symptoms will be sent home must self-isolate for 10 days



The people they live with must self-isolate for 14 days.



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole year group they are with must self-isolate for 14 days. The school will contact parents if there is a confirmed case.

CONTACT

Parents must ensure that they can be easily contacted throughout the day. If your number has changed you must inform the school.