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Covid-19 – FAQs on a phased return to school – June 2020

Our guidance for a planned phased return to school in the Summer term of 2020 has been put together with regard to;

- Feedback from parents' of Years 10 and 12
- Feedback from staff
- Guidance documents from Public Health England, Department for Education, Birmingham Diocesan Education Service and Solihull Local Authority (LA)
- A robust risk assessment
- Guidance from relevant Unions e.g. Unison, NASUWT, ASCL.

Our priority has always been the safety and welfare of everyone in our community.

Taken from the Department for Education 'Guidance for secondary school provision from 15th June 2020', issued on 25th May 2020.

Expectation from 15th June – Guidance for Secondary School provision from 15th June 2020

From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

- *continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- *continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- *provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality*
- *continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer*

Current Proposal – Monday 15th June

Year 10 will attend one morning per week 10.00am-12.00pm. They will be in a group of 10 pupils. Once allocated to their group, they will be unable to move to another group.

Year 12 will attend one afternoon 1.00pm-3.00pm for each subject. Again, once allocated a group, where appropriate, this cannot be changed.

No year 10 or year 12 pupils will be in school during the lunch period.

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To enable these expectations to be fulfilled safely a risk assessment has been carried out, including the advice to schools on [implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#).

FAQs

What does 'face to face' support look like?

Initially in small groups pupils will have the opportunity to meet a subject specialist who will;

- ask where they are with their work.
- ask any queries they may have.
- offer academic support.
- offer appropriate pastoral support.

The initial 'face to face' will really be about finding out how pupils are, where they are with their learning and what support they need from us.

Why are only a "quarter" of Year 10 and Year 12 in school at any one time?

Government guidance stipulates this to ensure pupils are in small groups to minimise risk.

Why have the school applied morning and afternoon rotas?

This way best suits the circumstances St Peter's is in with regard to our site and in the best interests of our pupils. Thorough cleaning will take place, all rooms used will be cleaned after each session. To reduce any risk, pupils will have no unstructured time.

My child is clinically vulnerable, will they have to attend school?

The guidance from the Government says:

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been [classified as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions](#) have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school or college, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

To summarise the guidance from the Government regarding pupils returning to schools is as follows:

- Clinically extremely vulnerable - to stay at home.
- Clinically vulnerable – for parents to follow medical guidance.
- Living with someone that's clinically extremely vulnerable – to stay at home, unless stringent social distancing can be adhered to, and the pupil in question can understand and follow those instructions.
- Living with someone that's clinically vulnerable (e.g. pregnant) – to come to school.

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Will I receive a fine if I decide not to send my child to school during this phased reopening of school?

No, it is entirely your decision to send your child back to school.

Will my child have to wear uniform?

Yes, but this will be limited to the St Peter's school PE kit or the Summer blue shirt for Year 10. Smart casual for Year 12 but should not wear a blazer and tie.

Can PPE be worn on school site?

Government and LA guidance says:

Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings. Schools and other education or childcare settings should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Face coverings (or any form of medical mask where instructed to be used for specific clinical reasons) should not be worn in any circumstance by those who may not be able to handle them as directed (for example, young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

However, if a pupil or member of staff wishes to wear PPE, that is their personal choice which will be supported and respected. Any PPE must not be disposed of on the school premises, it must be bagged and brought home. St Peter's will have no liability in the wearing of PPE. First Aiders and the School Nurse will have access to PPE when dealing with a child who is unwell and where the 2 metre social distancing cannot be observed.

There will also be an emergency PPE pack in each room used, again if a child becomes unwell.

What do they need to bring with them?

Their own stationery, there will be no sharing of equipment, two pens, pencils, scientific calculator, ruler. Also have tissues, and a filled water bottle. However, please encourage them not to bring a school bag. Mobile phones should be switched off and out of sight while on site.

Can my child bring food into school?

No, pupils will be here for 2 hours. We do suggest however, that they bring a water bottle with them. Pupils will not be allowed to refill their bottle in school. Any items left in school will be bagged and disposed of.

Can my child use public transport to and from school?

To minimise risks outside of school we would encourage pupils to travel by car, walk or cycle where possible. Where it is totally necessary to use public transport, please follow [this link](#) for

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the guidance from the government. Travel should not be during peak times. Hence, the morning sessions starting at 10.00am.

If your child travels to school on a bike, please ensure they wear a helmet and cycle safely. We would also like to remind pupils to bring bike locks with them, to safely secure their bikes whilst they are in school.

Can pupils meet their friends outside and inside the school gate?

No, pupils can only come to school on the day/time allocated. Outside the school gate and on the school site, social distancing must be adhered to and we expect pupils to go straight home.

What does my child do when they arrive at school?

They have been given a 'gate' to come on site and a room to go to. This is non-negotiable. On arrival social distancing must be observed. They will be asked to wash their hands thoroughly and follow a particular route to their classroom.

If my child is late will they be admitted?

No, for Health and Safety and Safeguarding reasons the school gates will be closed promptly.

Will normal school rules apply?

Yes, there is also an addendum to the Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding Policy to cover the implications of COVID-19 in school. You will find the updated behaviour policy [here](#).

How will school ensure there is social distancing and reduce the risk?

- On arrival hand washing is required (we have 20 additional handwash stations on site).
- 2 metre markings are in place around the school.
- Desks in classrooms to be used are 2 metres apart.
- A one-way system is in place.
- All rooms will be well ventilated, with windows open.
- Doors are propped open (apart from fire doors).
- Hand sanitiser is in each room.
- 1 pack of PPE in each room.
- Cleaning material for PCs in each room.
- Seating plans will be adhered to.
- Handwashing to take place after using the bathroom and before leaving site.
- There will be tissues in every room and a pedal bin for tissues which will be emptied and cleaned after every session. We would ask all pupils to have their own supply of tissues to improve respiratory hygiene.

What happens if a pupil does not adhere to social distancing?

Please see the Addendum [here](#).

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Has the school been thoroughly cleaned?

After the lockdown the school had a deep clean and the cleaners have been in every day cleaning the school site regularly and thoroughly.

What will the cleaning regime be?

- A thorough cleaning routine which includes cleaning any classroom used after use.
- Organisation of a one pupil, one desk policy until the area is cleaned.
- All surfaces are clear to enable a thorough clean.
- Surfaces which are 'high touch' including door handles and toilets will be regularly cleaned.

What will happen if a child becomes unwell at school?

Should a pupil become unwell, they would tell their teacher who would request support from another colleague who would escort them to a trained first aider which there will always be at least three in school.

If a child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 they will be isolated in the pupil support area until a parent can come to collect them. They will be advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and pupils who are attending school can have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Please find [the link](#) here.

Where the pupil or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

What will happen if another child or member of staff in my child's group exhibits COVID-19 symptoms in school?

The pupil or member of staff in question will be isolated as above. The parents of all the other pupils in the group will be contacted and the pupils will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

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My child/someone in the family is ill, can my child still come to school?

No, if anyone in the household has any illness, the child must stay at home.

Will teachers collect and mark written work?

Work will be completed on lined paper in school, each pupil will then have their own individual document folder for the work to be stored within school. 1:1 marking will not be used due to social distancing. If work needs to be marked, this is to be completed in school, washing hands before and after. Staff are not to take books/work home. Verbal feedback and self-assessment will be encouraged.

Who do ask if I have a query or question?

Parents should email office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk.

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