

15th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I write to outline the arrangements for September 2020 which have been put in place following the guidance for full opening of schools for September published by the Government on 2nd July 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We will open for all year groups as detailed below. The school will have to run very differently to pre-lockdown. We will minimise, where possible, the number of contacts that a student has during the school day, outside of their year group 'bubble', to help reduce the risk of transmission in school. To facilitate this we will be introducing a horizontal pastoral structure. All our protocols and risk assessments are being updated for September in order that you can be confident we are managing risk effectively.

Please see our opening plans below which are subject to change. **When I talk about a year group, it is the year group your child will move into in September.**

1. All students will be back at Stopsley in September and receive at least the same number of hours teaching as they did before the Covid 19 crisis:

- Monday 7th September **Year 7 only**
- Tuesday 8th September **Year 7 only**
- Wednesday 9th September **Year 7 and 11 only**
- Thursday 10th September **Year 7 and 11 only**
- Friday 11th September **Year 7, 10 and 11 only**
- Monday 14th September **Year 7, 10 and 11 only**
- Tuesday 15th September **Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 only**
- Wednesday 16th September **Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 only**
- Thursday 17th September **Year 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11**
- Friday 18th September **Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11**

2. Travel - Due to the lack of capacity on public transport we would advise students to walk or cycle to school where possible. Those students travelling by public transport or taxi must wear a face covering.
3. All students will be expected to wear full uniform.
4. All students must bring their own equipment, consisting of:
Pencil case, Black Pen, Purple Pen, Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Sharpener, Scientific calculator, Colouring pencils
Water bottle, Hand sanitiser
5. Students will enter and exit the school site through different routes. Students must arrive to school by 8.30am and they should go straight to their designated area. There will be a staggered exit time. Full details of these arrangements will follow.
6. PE will be outdoors where possible. On days where a student has PE they will be allowed to come to school in PE kit as we will not be able to use the changing rooms.
7. The library will not be open for exchange of books for the foreseeable future.
8. Years 7 to 9 will have lessons on separate corridors in a year group bubble. They will only leave their bubble area for PE lessons in the first instance.
9. Year 7 to 9 students will work all week in the same group for most subjects. This will be based on their PSHCE group, however, they will be set for maths lessons.
10. Years 10 and 11 will study the full curriculum including all option subjects. They will use the specialist facilities where possible or study the theoretical aspects of the courses in the short term. We have allocated them classrooms in an area of the school, but they will move for some practical subjects.
11. Students with Special Educational Needs will be supported wherever possible in the mainstream setting. The Teaching Assistants (TA), will work with individuals within a year group bubble. Students may be withdrawn to designated break out spaces for targeted intervention on either a 1:1 or small group basis with the TA. Students that have previously engaged in the Accelerate programme to boost progress in literacy and numeracy will continue to benefit from the sessions within year group bubbles. Access to the sessions will be mapped into the individual student's timetable.

12. Each year group bubble will be supported by a pastoral support team consisting of a House Leader, Pastoral Leader and Teaching Assistants. We have every faith that students will be keen to be back, embrace the learning opportunities available and will focus on learning. However, it is important to note that the positive behaviour policy remains relevant and has been updated to reflect current circumstances, and we strongly encourage you to reinforce our high expectations with your child prior to their return.

13. Staff will not take in classwork; students will receive feedback live in the lessons using responsive teaching strategies.

14. All homework will be published on SMHWK and set on google classroom. Feedback will be given live in lessons.

15. There will be no assemblies.

16. As detailed in my letter of 10th July, all students will need a sQuid account which will need to be topped up online. There will be separate arrangements for children entitled to free school meals. However, Year 7 will be required to bring a packed lunch until September 21st. Those in Year 7 who are eligible for free school meals will have a packed lunch provided.

17. All students will stay in their bubble at each break and should bring a snack if required as these will not be available from school.

18. Parents are not allowed on site for meetings – we will continue to communicate with you by email or arrange a telephone call.

19. If your child forgets something please do not bring it into school.

20. Movement around the school will be to restricted areas per year group in order to minimise contact between bubbles.

21. Sanitiser will be available in each classroom, however students are expected to bring their own, along with tissues.

22. Students will not have to social distance within their bubble, but all staff must. Therefore, staff will have to stay 2m from children at all times without PPE. This means in classrooms they will not be able to look closely at a child's work. We will try and be creative using technology to overcome these obstacles.

23. In the first half term Parents events will not happen at the school. Alternative arrangements will be put in place.

24. The classrooms will be cleaned in accordance with the government guidance but each day there will be a cleaning routine which staff and students have to follow.

25. We are currently updating our risk assessments which will be available in September.

We believe that by implementing the year group bubble arrangements and limiting movement, we will minimise risk in school. Should anyone become ill whilst at school we will follow Public Health Guidance.

A document outlining all information needed for the start of term will be published prior to your child starting in September.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Johns', written in a cursive style.

K Johns
Headteacher