

Year 10 Parent/Carer Bulletin

As the government have confirmed that the five tests they set out are now being met, we are pleased to share with you the extensive plans and processes we have put in place to facilitate the safe return of our Year 10 students, for some face-to-face contact from Tuesday 16 June. This face-to-face support will supplement the existing remote education, which will remain the predominant mode of education during this half term. We have aligned our plans and risk assessments to reflect the latest DfE guidance for secondary school provision from 15 June which you may read via the following link. They will be under constant review and remain conditional upon DfE guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

In essence the main principles of this guidance are:

- Schools are able to have a quarter of the Year 10 cohort in school at any one time
- Secondary schools should aim to practise social distancing in line with the measures the government is asking everyone to adopt in public and in workplaces, including keeping students 2 metres apart from each other where possible
- Ensuring sufficient distance between students is likely to mean classes are no more than half their usual size
- Mixing between different groups of students should be kept to a minimum
- Where rotas are used, secondary schools should avoid split day rotas within the same day and ensure that only a quarter of children are ever in the school on any one day. Vulnerable children and children of critical workers in all year groups should still be encouraged to attend full-time

We are delighted that 75% of the year group will be accessing this provision and thank you for the information provided regarding method of transport ... the questions you raised will be covered in the main part of this bulletin or in the FAQ section at the end. As per government guidance the use of public transport for travel to and from school should be minimised as far as possible and this is the case from your responses, as the vast majority of students will be walking, cycling or travelling by car. Where the school bus is necessary, Heads of House will contact you directly with details of times and routes over the next week or so.

We have planned for three groups of Year 10 in school on Tuesday to Friday from 16 June for a three week period and arranged by ability band to maximise learning (each of these groups will be assigned a different coloured 'bubble' as detailed in the timetable below). Each student has been allocated a day, a room and a group and s/he will follow this plan for the three weeks. Look out for a further letter from Go4Schools next week that will explain these personalised details for your child, it will be with you by Wednesday.

		w/c 1st June onwards				w/c 15th June onwards			
Duration		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	
Zone		Languages and DT				English	Maths	Humanities	
Classrooms		TT1, DT3, DT2, FT2, ML1, ML5, ART 1				En7	MA5	Et2	
Dining area		Dome				In classroom			
Toilets		Art toilets, DT toilets				English toilets	Maths toilets	Science toilets	
Outdoor area		Main field				Technology grass			
Door		DT under covered area / hall door to access dome				English under covered area	Fire exit - English	Main student entrance	
8.30-9.50am	Period 1	80 mins	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Maths	Science	English	
9.50-11.30am	Period 2	85 mins with 15 min break	Break 9.50-10.05	Break 10.05-10.20	Period 2	Period 2	Break 9.50-10.05	10.05-10.20	PE
			Period 2		Break 10.20-10.35		10.20-10.35		
11.30-1.35pm	Period 3	80/85 mins with 40/45 min lunch	Lunch - 11.30 - 12.15pm	Lunch - 11.30 - 12.15pm	Period 3	Period 3	Lunch 11.30-12.10	English	Science
			Period 3	Period 3			Lunch 12.30-1.15pm	Lunch 12.10-12.50	Lunch 12.50-1.30
1.35-3.15	Period 4	80 mins with 20 min break	Break 2.00-2.15	Break 2.15-2.30	Period 3	Period 3	Break 2.00-2.15	Break 2.15-2.30	Maths
			Period 4		Break 2.30-2.45		Science		
					Break 2.45-3.00				

Each coloured 'bubble' will have a different entrance, zone of the school, classroom and toilets (see the map of zones incorporated with the personalised information for your child). Each group must stay within their 'bubble' and their zone. The Year 10 students will stay in their classrooms, at their allocated table and the staff will rotate round. At the designated break times the member of staff will accompany their class to the toilets (only two students may access the toilets initially then operate a one in one out system) and then escort them onto the designated area of the field and supervise them. At lunch the students will eat in their classrooms and then be escorted to the field where they will be supervised by senior leaders.

At the start of the day all Year 10 students will listen to the daily student briefing outlining everyone's role and responsibilities around good personal hygiene, regular hand washing, maintaining the required 2 metre physical distance at all times and not sharing equipment, especially showing each other their mobile phones. Your child will need to bring with them their pencil case containing the basic equipment including a calculator and notebook. There will also be reminders about the signs and symptoms associated with this virus and what to do if anyone exhibits any of them.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If **you have symptoms** of coronavirus, you need to **self-isolate for 7 days**
 If **you live with someone who has symptoms**, you need to **self-isolate for 14 days** from the day their symptoms started

For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness. However if you have any of the symptoms you should self-isolate at home

Stop the spread of coronavirus



Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away

If a student becomes unwell in during the day we will be strictly adhering to the government advice as follows:

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in school they will be sent home and advised to follow the [staying at home guidance](#).

Whilst a student is awaiting collection, s/he will remain in the designated zone and be isolated. The area will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

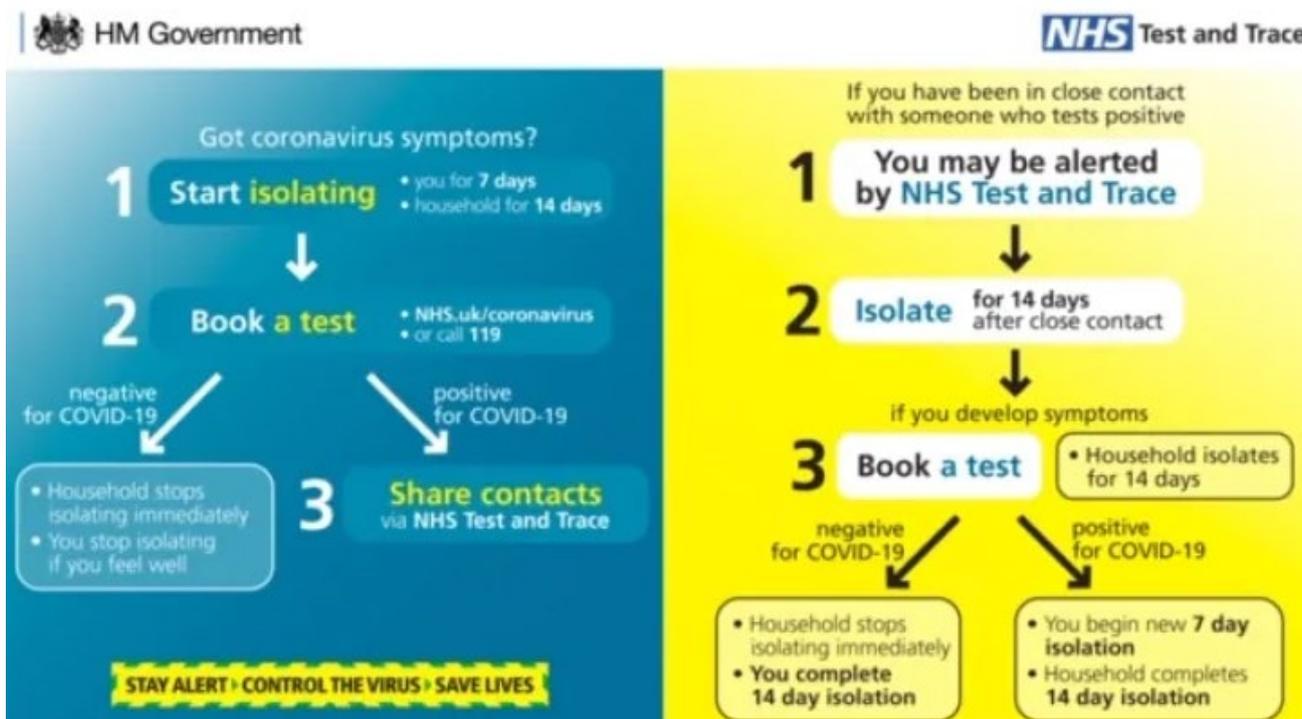
When a student or member of staff develops symptoms related to the coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this situation.

Where the student or member of staff tests negative, they can return to their education setting and fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the student or member of staff tests positive, the rest of the group within their education setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

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.

Needless to say, for everyone’s safety and welfare, please do not send your child to school if s/he is feeling unwell in the morning. Further guidance on symptoms can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



In order to accommodate this crucial face-to-face provision we have timetabled option lessons to be delivered via Microsoft Teams on a Monday and this will commence Monday 1 June. Other online core lessons will continue at other times across the week

All year 10 options lessons will change to the following times:

- 9.00 - 9.45am Block A
- 9.45 - 10.30am Block B
- 11.00 - 11.45pm Block C
- 11.45 - 12.30pm Block D

There is an option for Block B/C joint slots to be scheduled as follows:

- 1.15-2.00pm GCSE PE
- 2.00-2.45pm GCSE food
- 2.45-3.15pm Engineering

You are aware we have remained open throughout the lockdown period for our vulnerable and key worker students and this existing group will operate within the blue 'bubble.' The Year 10 students in this existing 'bubble' will remain within it and not be included in the new Year 10 groups to minimise any cross-contamination risks. With this in mind we are confident we can expand and refine these existing safe routines to include another cohort of up to 40 students per day. We are looking forward to greeting the wider Year 10 group from Tuesday 16 June and expect them to adhere to our behaviour philosophies of being respectful and responsible in their interactions with their peers and the staff and dig deep to show a greater resilience to overcoming the issues arising from this lockdown period, including getting their education back on track. We have thoroughly and carefully risk assessed our provision and would appreciate you speaking with your child about the need to follow all instructions and procedures without question. If s/he behaves in a way that compromises the safety of others you must collect him/her as soon as possible, as the risks presented will be too high for us to manage in school. In this eventuality your child will continue to access education remotely.

Frequently Asked Questions

The following responses are from the questions and queries received on the recent survey we sent out. If there are any further clarifications required please email office@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk by Wednesday and we will answer them in the next Parent Bulletin

1. How can families support the school with social distancing?

It is really important that all families continue to maintain social distancing measures in line with current government guidance outside of school. Although students may be in the same 'bubble' as their friends, this does not mean they should socialise outside of school. They must maintain a 2 metre distance with all who are not members of their household, at all times. This will reduce the risk of a second spike and prevent a tightening of lockdown measures.

2. Do students have to wear uniform?

No, they do not have to wear uniform. Our preference is that they wear comfortable sportswear and trainers that they can complete the activity session in. There will be no opportunity to change for PE so it is important to be dressed appropriately. However, a spare t-shirt may be useful for after the PE lesson and this can be changed in their designated toilet.

3. What will the classroom set up be like?

There will be no more than 15 pupils in a classroom as per the guidance from the DFE. Each student will have their own allocated desk which is 2 metres apart from any other desk. There will be no soft furnishings or any equipment that will be harder to clean on a daily basis. Students will not be able to share equipment. All will have their own set of basic stationery items.

4. Will there be any break times or will it be so strict that students have to stay in one spot all day?

Each group is called a 'bubble'. Break times will still be in place but staggered so that bubbles, do not mix with other groups in order to reduce the risk of spreading any infection. Each bubble will have a 20 minute morning and afternoon break and a 40 minute lunch break

5. Would there be an opportunity for students to go outside at lunchtime?

Lunches will be eaten in your child's designated base. Teaching staff will monitor students during the morning and afternoon break. There will be some outside time at lunch but this will be staggered. All outside breaks will be supervised by members of the Senior Leadership Team.

6. How will toilet breaks be managed?

Students will be shown how to manage social distancing during break and lunch times. Bubbles will have allocated toilets and only 2 pupils to access these at a time. This will be monitored and supervised by staff. No one will be restricted from going to the toilet and students will be constantly reminded about the importance of hand washing.

7. Would students still get PE sessions, although we know they will be very different?

Bubbles will spend time outside during break and lunchtimes but these outside activities will have to be carefully planned. Guidelines say that equipment can't be shared and neither can students play games or activities that don't adhere to social distancing. Each year 10 group will have a PE session each day that will be taught by a PE teacher and either be fitness based in the gym or athletics based outside. Mr Bright (Curriculum Leader for PE) has risk assessed each activity.

8. I am worried about my child and family catching this virus. Do I have to send my child back to school?

It is your choice whether you send your child back to school during this time. You have to assess where your child would be safest. There are no penalties or unauthorised absences if you do choose to keep your child working at home during this pandemic

9. Will the canteen be open?

We will confirm availability of a break service in the subsequent letter however, students must bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty to drink unless they have FSMs which are being delivered and should be brought into school (unless s/he is in school on Wednesday in which case we will not deliver it)

10. How are you going to make sure all surfaces are cleaned?

Students won't be moving classrooms during the day and will be allocated a desk they will use for the whole day. They will only be allowed to access a certain zone of the academy building. Classrooms will undergo thorough cleaning between days by the site cleaning team and door handles and toilets will be cleaned regularly during the day

11. Will hand sanitiser be available?

Scientific advice has found washing hands with soap and water to be more effective than using hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser will be available but only for situations where hand washing is not possible. Students will be expected to wash their hands upon entering the building and at the start/end of every session. They may bring hand lotion into school to use after washing hands to prevent skin becoming dry and sore

12. Are students and staff going to have to wear some sort of face masks or PPE?

The Government have said that PPE is not required in schools unless staff are dealing with a student that is showing signs of having the virus. However, if a student will feel less anxious wearing a face mask it is acceptable, as long as it is a proper mask and not just a face covering.