

Q: With regard to the staggered start times for September, what happens when siblings of different years walk in together?

A: *Obviously, this will be the case with a small number of children. We have already accounted for this and made provision for students who may arrive early with a sibling. They will be placed in separate year holding areas. Please, where possible, avoid coming onto site before the allotted time.*

Q: I start to work at 9 and my child's entry point is at this time. I am also a key worker. Can provision be made to drop children off earlier?

A: *Unfortunately, as per guidelines, we will no longer be making provision for key worker children as all students are expected to be back into education in September. Parents will have to make provision for children so that they can drop off their children at the specific times sent out earlier.*

Q: Are you at a stage where you can confirm on how many days the children will be having PE? I'm just wondering if I will need to buy any extra kit.

A: *The curriculum will, essentially, stay the same in September so pupils will all be having three PE sessions a week. They will need to be in the usual PE kit - shorts if nice weather and the trackie bottoms if not. One kit will be sufficient for the week's activities. They need to come to school in their blazer as well as PE kit on the day they have it. Although the basic kit will be sufficient for the autumn term, we are hoping that the full PE curriculum will be up and running by January and pupils will then need the full kit. Football boots will be required in the autumn term.*

Q: How will the bus operate for transporting students to and from school? How will this fit into the plan for keeping year groups separate ?

A: *Staffordshire services and Hollinsheads have now confirmed that the pick-ups are as follows: The Rose and Crown at Biddulph Moor, The Talbot, Biddulph Park Chapel, Newtown Crossroads, the top of Holt Lane. A child must have a bus pass to be allowed on. Children who previously paid will no longer be able to do this. It will be up to the bus company to decide where students sit on the bus, following distancing guidelines, and not the school's decision. They hope to resume their normal operations in due course. Some students will get the bus at a time that drops them off at school earlier than their allotted time. Those students will stay in a separate area on site until their entry time to their form room. This will be perfectly safe as a number of staff will be on duty.*

Q: How will the different set levels for English and Maths be considered?

A: *As you can imagine, the need for keeping all children safe has taken precedence over everything else. Teachers have planned to cater for the range of abilities. When we can see how movement round the school works, we may introduce ability groups. This information may not be finalised until later in August.*

Q: What happens if children will not leave their parents at the gate?

A: *We fully understand that most children will not have entered the school for months when returning in September, and some will be complete newcomers. This has not been an easy time for a lot of children and some will be more anxious than others. We will have a number of staff, including year 5 form tutors, key stage leads and our senior lead team, waiting at the gate, patrolling the car park, supporting pupils and welcoming them in. Obviously, as students are now in year bubbles, there will be friends arriving at the same time, which will also help. Unfortunately, as parents will appreciate, we can not allow parents on to the school grounds or past the gate. This is to protect and keep everyone safe as there will be a large number of students coming through and following a very tight time schedule.*

Q: Can you clarify whether particular coloured pens/pencils are required?

A: *We are suggesting our normal pencil case pack of no particular brand (blue pen only, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, crayons and/or colouring pencils etc) but also to include a purple pen if possible. Any additional items that are needed following the first few days will be highlighted to parents as needed, following class set up. Pupils will be able to bring their bags into school with them in September and they will stay with them during the course of the day, whether outdoors, during lunch or in class.*

Q: Where do we find out about lunch menus?

A: *Once we have confirmed the range we are able to offer, this will be uploaded to our website, under 'School Life/Lunch Menu'.*

Q: Will the before and after-school 'Zone' club be open and how do people get in touch to book places?

A: *The Zone will be re-opening in September. Please contact Marie on 07833 903260 for further details.*

Q: What about when students start back and they are worried about 'being told off'?

A: *We are aware that students, especially new ones, will be nervous about returning/entering the school in September. Our staff have all been busily developing their curriculum and welfare plans, which include how children are to be supported pastorally. We all know that there needs to be that extra TLC for, potentially, a large number of students and we are all prepared for this and to give them the extra support they need.*