

## FAQ - Returning to school from September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020



Please note that most of this information was shared in the letter sent in July

The government also published a document for parents/carers which can be found here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

### Q - When does my child return to school at The Derby?

We are staggering the return of some year groups this year to ensure that all students have an opportunity to be inducted in the new systems – below is the timetable for Week 1 (Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September) and for the weeks from Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Students start to return from Wednesday 2nd September

Year 7 and 11 are in **full-time** from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

*Year 8, 9, 10 are in for **2.5 hours on one day** as below.*

- Year 7 start school full time from Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8.40 am and will finish their day at 3.15pm. Lunch will be available for yr 7 as normal. Those not on Free School Meals should bring money to put onto their account.
- *Year 8 are in school for 2.5 hours on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> and must arrive to school at 9.30 am and they will leave at 12 pm. **Food will not be served on this day for Year 8.***
- *Year 9 are in school for 2.5 hours on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 pm and they will leave at 3 pm. **Food will not be served on this day for Year 9.***
- *Yr 10 are in school for 2.5 hours on Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> and must arrive at 10.30pm and they will leave at 1 pm. **Food will not be served on this day for Year 10.***
- Year 11 start school full time from Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8.40 am and will finish their day at 3.10 pm. Lunch will be available for Year 11 as normal. Those not on Free School Meals should bring money to put onto their account.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR FOOD** – All parents/carers can use the Bury Online system to top up accounts from here;

<https://www.civicaepay.co.uk/BuryEstore/estore/default/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FBuryEstore%2Festore%2Fdefault%2FHome%2FIndex>

### From Monday 7th September

- Year 7 start 8.40 am each day and finish at 3.15 pm each day.
- Year 8 start 8.50 am each day and finish at 3.00 pm each day.
- Year 9 start 9.00 am each day and finish at 3.10 pm each day.
- Year 10 start 8.50 am each day and finish at 3.00 pm each day.
- Year 11 start 8.40 am each day and finish at 3.10 pm each day.

## Q - Is there still an early finish every fortnight for students?

→ No, there will not be a regular Wednesday early finish this year.

## Q - Do I have to clean my child's uniform every day?

- There is no requirement for uniform to be cleaned more regularly than normal.
- All those returning to school must be wearing full uniform from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.
- On days where your child is taught P.E or GCSE Dance they must come to school wearing their Derby High School kit. (Students will be given timetables on their first day so they will know when to wear kit and when to wear uniform).
- The uniform information is on the school website.  
<http://thederbyhighschool.co.uk/uniform-boys/>  
<http://thederbyhighschool.co.uk/uniform-girls/>

## Q - Will students and staff be wearing masks?

- On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August the Department for Education confirmed that it will revise its guidance on the use of face coverings in schools stating that, "In local intervention (lockdown) areas, in education settings where Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain. As in the general approach, it will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.
- Bury is currently one of these areas so we will be following this advice.
- Government advice (published on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>) on wearing masks in classrooms is, "On the basis of current evidence, in light of the mitigating measures education settings are taking, and the negative impact on communication, face coverings will not generally be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. There is greater use of the system of controls for minimising risk, including through keeping in small and consistent groups or bubbles, and greater scope for physical distancing by staff within classrooms. Face coverings can have a negative impact on learning and teaching and so their use in the classroom should be avoided."
- Headteacher's have a discretion to allow students to wear correctly fitted masks in all areas of the school and whilst we recognise the negative impact masks could have on high quality teaching and learning we have taken the decision that students may wear them in a classroom if this is their preference. Masks must be worn appropriately and failure to do so will be followed up with students and parents. This approach will be continually reviewed.
- The full guidance around the use of masks in education can be read below: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>
- The original government published guidance on how to look after and use masks is here: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#maintaining-and-disposing-of-face-coverings>
- We would ask that students do not wear a single use mask.

The guidance on how to use masks includes the following: -

- *"Do not touch the front of the face covering, or the part of the face covering that has been in contact with your mouth and nose.*

- *Once removed, store reusable face coverings in a plastic bag until you have an opportunity to wash them.*
- *Make sure you clean any surfaces the face covering has touched using normal household cleaning products. If eating in a café, for example, it is important that you do not place the face covering on the table.*
- *Wash your face covering regularly and follow the washing instructions for the fabric. You can use your normal detergent. You can wash and dry it with other laundry. You must throw away your face covering if it is damaged."*

### **Q - My child is starting into Year 7. Can I come into school on the first day to drop them off and to collect them?**

- Unfortunately, this is not allowed this year. In fact, all parents/carers can only come on site if they have a prearranged appointment or have been asked to come to school to collect an ill child. These appointments are best made by phone.
- We are using the whole of the first day with the new Year 7 on activities designed to make them feel safe, secure and ready to start their time with us.

### **Q - The year groups have different start times and end times - why is this?**

- Schools have been asked to keep year groups in 'bubbles' which is why we need to have gaps in start and end times so that the year groups do not mix once they come on site.

### **Q - How will you keep the year groups bubbles separate when they arrive each day?**

- Each year group will use different areas of the school to arrive and to assemble. When the students arrive at the front or back gate, they will be directed into their year group area to assemble in form groups – e.g. Year 7 arriving at the front gate will use the path to walk down the drive and will assemble on the courts at the side of the school. Year 7 arriving at the back path will be directed to the courts to assemble. Year 11 arriving at the front gate will use the main school drive to walk onto site and assemble on the yard. Year 11 arriving at the back path will be directed to the main yard to assemble.
- There will be markings painted on the ground for all year groups with arrows to indicate where students should go, and staff will be in position to direct them.
- Students line up outside each day so they must have a good water-resistant warm coat/hat etc.

### **Q - How will you keep the year groups bubbles separate when they leave each day?**

- Each year group will be dismissed to separate areas – e.g. Year 7 will use the front or back path to leave the site. Year 11 will walk down the drive or via the yard to the back path to leave. Again, staff will be in position to direct them and to keep the year groups separate

## Q - How is it possible for students to walk on the drive when cars use it?

→ From September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 the school drive will be a **NO VEHICLE ZONE** between

**8.35 am - 9.15 am**

**2.50 pm -3.25 pm**

Staff will be in position to stop traffic at these times.

## Q - How will you keep the year groups bubbles separate in the building?

→ We have allocated different parts of the building to different year groups e.g Year 11 are on one half of A floor, Year 9 are on most of C floor.

→ Students will be directed to enter the building in their year group bubbles.

## Q - How will you keep the year group bubbles separate during lesson changeovers?

→ To keep the bubbles separate we have restructured our teaching groups so that students stay in the same room throughout the day. The teachers move during lesson changeover and the students stay in their room.

→ There will be some movement to allow for option subjects in Year 10 and Year 11 and possibly to make use of outdoor spaces and specialist facilities but even this movement will be kept to a minimum and year groups will not be allowed to crossover. Any spaces that are used by different bubbles will be cleaned in between use.

## Q - How will you keep the year groups bubbles separate during break and lunch?

→ Each year group will have break/lunch with their own year group. For example, Year 7 will have break/lunch in the main sports hall. At the same time Year 11 will have their break/lunch in the main dining area. The other year groups will remain in their lessons at this time until it is their turn to have break/lunch.

→ The food available at lunch will either be hot or cold 'grab bags.

→ Food/drink will not be served available at break time, but students can bring their own food and drink (not energy drinks).

→ As mentioned earlier, students can top up their accounts as normal during break or lunchtime in the areas where they are having break/lunch.

## Q - Will students in bubbles be two metres away from each other in lessons?

→ No. There is no requirement for those in year group bubbles to keep two metres from other students.

## **Q - Will students in bubbles be two metres away from each other at break and lunch?**

- Ideally, students should maintain a distance between themselves and others in communal areas at break and lunchtime.

## **Q - Will Staff in classrooms be two metres away from others in lessons?**

- Adults have been told to keep two metres from each other and from students.
- Classroom layouts have been set up to make this possible with indicators on the floor for staff.

## **Q - How will you run before school and after school extra-curricular sessions?**

- Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to run the broad range of extra-curricular when we reopen in September.
- We will keep this under review, and we will do our best to run these as soon as conditions allow whilst adhering to all the other guidance.
- Plans are already in place for after school revision for Year 11 students.

## **Q - Given the different start times for year groups what will happen if I have siblings in different year groups traveling to school.**

- We do recognise the difficulty the start and end times present to families and friends.
- You will have noticed that the 'stagger' times are as small as we could make them.
- We do have to stick to the times for each year group, but we will do our best to make sure that the year groups move promptly so that students are not having to wait outside the front or back gate.
- Once we have two-year groups in we will move to get the next year groups joined up and ready (while maintaining the separate nature of the bubbles).

## **Q - Have the bus times changed to match the different start and finishing times?**

- The Government advice published in July was for schools to encourage parents, staff, and pupils to walk or cycle to school if at all possible.
- We have informed the bus companies of the slight changes to the start and finish times.
- The school buses are still running as normal. Information can be found here – <http://thederbyhighschool.co.uk/travel-details/>
- Those cycling to school must use the front of school (not the back path) and they will need to walk down the drive with their bicycle when they arrive at school with their year group

## **Q - What happens if someone has symptoms of Covid at school?**

- Students with presenting with symptoms of Covid in school will be brought to a separate ventilated 'medical room' in school. The staff supervising the student will have PPE.
- A parent/carer will be contacted immediately and expected to collect the young person promptly. We need to have at least two contact numbers for each student.
- A leaflet with guidance on what happens next will be given to the parent when they come to collect their child.
- The leaflet will contain information about what to do next and how to keep school informed.

### **Q - Will I be told if someone has had symptoms of Covid at school?**

- We will follow the guidance from the Local Authority and public health <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term#local-outbreaks>

### **Q - How can detentions run if year groups can't mix?**

- The vast majority of young people attending The Derby High School never receive a sanction in their five years at our school.
- We will aim to maintain these high standards of behaviour and we will need support from students and their parents/carers to make this happen.
- Detentions may still need to happen, but they will take place in line with all the other guidance.
- Any student placed in a Headteacher Detention will trigger an urgent meeting with the parent/carer and a senior member of staff.