

## Key Information about Face to Face Sessions and Safety Precautions

### 1 Should all year 10 students come into college for face to face sessions?

No. Students should stay at home if:

- They have the symptoms of covid-19 or if they live in a house with someone who does or if they have been in contact with someone who has. Here is the latest government guidance on the symptoms and on self-isolation: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/>
- They have an underlying medical condition which makes them extremely vulnerable to serious illness from the virus or they live in a house with someone who is extremely vulnerable.
- They have a condition that makes them clinically vulnerable or they live in a house with someone who is clinically vulnerable. The latest guidance on the conditions that make someone extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>
- They are extremely anxious about coming back to college.
- They are content with the routine they have got at home with their work and do not want to disrupt this.
- They will struggle to commit to and conform to the rules we have put in place for everyone's safety.
- They and/or other family members are not following the social distancing and hygiene guidelines at home or in the community.

### 2 When will my child be in college? – During the week of 15<sup>th</sup> June

- The safety precautions we will be putting in place will limit the length and number of sessions available. This is because we have a maximum number of students we can have on site at any one point, because we want to avoid break times for the students, because we need to keep groups to small enough numbers to allow social distancing and because we need to keep students in the same social bubble for all their sessions with each social bubble attached to its own designated room. There are also only 25 school days between 15th June when year 10 begin to return and the end of term. All these constraints taken together will restrict the number of sessions and range of subjects that can be offered.
- The sessions will therefore cover the core subjects of English, Maths and Science only. They will be taught with students of a similar attainment level to them.
- The college will be open to year 10 for 4 days per week, with each student attending a two hour session on two days of the week – so a total of 4 hours per week.
- Once we have confirmation of the students who will be coming into college, we will be able to prepare a specific timetable for them, including which times of which days they need to be in college for which subjects. Our aim is to get these emailed to you by the end of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### 3 What will my child be taught?

- The face to face sessions will not teach students new content but will enable teachers to check and enhance students' learning from the set work students have done at home from the college "foldr". In line with the government guidance, remote learning remains the main form of educational provision during lockdown.
- Students therefore need to have worked on the tasks in "foldr" and brought either their completed work or their questions and problems with the work to the session.
- There is no point students turning up without having at least had a good go at the "foldr" work.

#### 4 What social distancing measures are in place to keep my child safe?

- Face to face sessions will have around 10 students in them, below the government guidance of 15, to ensure that students and staff can maintain at least a 2 metre distance between them.
- Each student will work in a fixed, definable social bubble of around 10 students. In other words the class they are in will be their social bubble. This means that for all their face to face sessions they will be taught with the same students.
- Each social bubble (class) will have its own room. No other students will work in their designated room.
- It is very important that social bubbles do not get mixed. We will not therefore be adding students to each class and we will not move students from one class to another. For these reasons, it will not be possible for students who say they do not wish to come into college to change their mind this term – students who have not opted in from the start cannot opt in later.
- The year 10 students will work in a different area of the college to the vulnerable/key worker students who have continued to come into college each day. This area will be the Maths and Languages block.
- Student's currently accessing key worker or SEND supervision on site, will need to make a decision about whether to continue this **OR** to access the face to face sessions. They will not be able to do both.
- To remain separate from the key worker/SEND students, the returning year 10 students should enter the college site from the gate next to the cycle shed and will be escorted to their classrooms.
- The corridors and stairs in this block will be organised into a one way system with social distance markings on the floor.
- The start and end times for each social bubble's face to face sessions will be staggered to minimise the number of students arriving and leaving the site at any one time. These start and finish times will be kept separate from the start and finish times for the junior school, again to minimise contact between different groups of students.
- Students will be on site for 2 hours at a time only, avoiding the need for there to be break times. This will avoid the informal social contact which is most likely to result in transmission of infection. It will also avoid lots of students wanting to use the toilets at the same time.
- The college car park will not be open for parents to drop off and pick up their child. You will need to agree safe nearby drop off and pick up point from where your child should walk to and from college.

Clearly, we need to have co-operation from parents around hygiene and social distancing too. Our efforts to protect students by placing them in social bubbles for their lessons will only be effective if they and other members of their family are following the government's guidance on hygiene and social distancing.

#### 5 What hygiene rules are in place to keep my child safe?

- Students will be required to use an alcohol based hand sanitiser to clean their hands before entering the college buildings and before leaving the college site. Queues for the hand sanitiser will be managed to ensure social distancing. If students are able to bring their own sanitiser with them, then this would help.
- Students will be required to use the alcohol based hand sanitiser when entering each classroom and when leaving it. Students have been asked to bring their own tissues into college to catch sneezes or coughs. Each classroom will also have a box of tissues in it too.
- Every classroom will also have a disinfectant spray and rubber gloves in case students sneeze or cough on furniture or equipment.
- Every classroom will have lidded pedal bins so that students can dispose of their tissues hygienically.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows kept open.
- Every face to face session will begin with a standard powerpoint slide of the hygiene rules to ensure students do not forget these.
- Toilets will be cleaned after each face to face session takes place.

- Students will be instructed and reminded to wash hands thoroughly.
- Students are not permitted to eat whilst on the college site.
- There will be more regular and more thorough cleaning of surfaces most likely to be touched multiple times by multiple people.

Several parents raised the issue of face masks in the initial survey we sent out two weeks ago. The guidance from the Department for Education is that staff and students **do not need** to wear face masks and should not be made to. This guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>. The guidance from the World Health Organisation (WHO) is that masks should not be worn in educational settings: [https://www.who.int/publications-detail/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak). The teaching unions are also not calling for this protective measure to be used in schools either: [https://unitetheunion.org/media/3087/coronavirus-workplace-checklist\\_0.pdf](https://unitetheunion.org/media/3087/coronavirus-workplace-checklist_0.pdf)

Staff and students can wear a mask if this makes them feel safer and more comfortable coming into college but these will not be mandatory. Staff who may need to manage a child who becomes ill will wear masks, along with gloves and an apron.

## 6 What should my child bring to college?

- Students attending a face to face session need to bring with them the most recent work they have done for the subject that is running the face to face session.
- They need to bring their exercise books for their core subjects if they have them. Exercise books will be available for those students whose books were left in college or have become full.
- Students should ensure they have tissues with them to catch a cough or a sneeze.
- They do **not** need to wear college uniform. Appropriate clothes and footwear is expected to be worn for the day, no strappy tops, vest tops, short shorts or flip-flops.
- Students may bring a bottle of water with them with sufficient water to keep them hydrated for their session. They will not be able to refill the bottle at college. Energy drinks and fizzy drinks are also not permitted.
- They may bring their phone but the usual college rules apply: not to be seen or heard from the moment they enter the college site.
- If they have hand sanitiser at home, it would be useful for them to bring it in.

## 7 Will there be different expectations of the students' behaviour when they come into college?

- Yes. Students need to understand that social distancing requires them to behave differently than before. Silly behaviour is now also dangerous behaviour.
- Standing in groups before and after college is not acceptable.
- The college behaviour policy has been amended to take account of the need to socially distance and respect hygiene protocols.
- Students who do not follow the normal rules or the new rules will be sent home and the offer of face to face sessions will be withdrawn.

## 8 What happens if my child becomes ill?

- If your child becomes ill with covid-19 or starts to exhibit symptoms of covid-19 while they are at home and are due to attend college, then please email the college as soon as you can

[enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@wyvern.hants.sch.uk). We will need to notify the students in your child's class that they will not be able to come into college and to remain at home, to potentially isolate and to await further confirmation. We would request that your child is tested to confirm if they have covid-19 and let us know the outcome. The class and teacher will then be notified if they will need to continue their self-isolation in line with current guidelines.

- If it is you or another member of your family who has symptoms of covid-19 (and not your child) then your child will need to stay away from college and self-isolate with you, as per the current guidelines.
- If your child becomes unwell at college, they will be seen by a first aider and if they have symptoms of covid-19, they will be isolated in a designated room. We will contact you to come and collect your child. The remaining students and teacher will be sent home to potentially self-isolate. We would request that your child is tested to confirm if they have covid-19 and let us know the outcome. The class and teacher will then be notified if they need to continue their self-isolation in line with current guidelines.

## 9 What can I do to support my child's return to college?

- Discuss with them the contents of this document, drawing their attention to the hygiene and social distancing rules. Explain to them the importance of following these rules and what will happen if they choose not to follow them.
- Check they have been completing the set work from the online college folder and encourage them to stay on top of the core tasks of the set work so they can understand the face to face sessions they attend.
- Check that your child feels comfortable coming into college for the sessions. Discuss any concerns they might have and, where appropriate, contact us if we can help address these concerns.
- Agree with your child how they will get to and from college. If you intend to drop them off and collect them, agree where you will do this from as the college car park will not be open for drop offs and pick-ups.

## 10 What happens next?

- Please fill in the registration form if you would like your child to attend the face to face sessions. Please do this by 1600 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/97678NS>

We will not be able to accept any students after this cut of time and date as we will be organising students to work in a fixed, definable social bubble for the remainder of the term.

- We will then be able to create the classes and a timetable for the students who will be having which face to face sessions.
- These timetables will be sent out along with a Keep Alert pack to participating students which gives them the details of what will be happening and the rules and processes they need to conform to.
- Face to face sessions will then begin in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June.