

WELCOMING OUR PUPILS BACK – THE VALLEY MODEL

- We will have only pupils in year 11 and less than 10 key worker children in school at any time. Apart from a small number who are shielding or self-isolating, all staff will be in school and this will make it possible to enforce social distancing and hygienic practices.
- All taps are in the process of being converted to push-style, so that they do not need to be touched after washing. Soap and hand-gel will be provided and pupils will be expected to use them frequently and effectively. All staff and pupils will have their temperature checked on arrival each day. Strict responses are in place if anyone shows signs of the virus or receives a confirmed diagnosis.
- Only one pupil at a time will be allowed to use the toilets
- Pupils will be heavily supervised and in very small groups. There will be no sharing of resources and no activities involving physical contact.
- Free school meals will be provided for all pupils. This will limit the amount of items that are carried between school and home, as pupils will not be allowed to bring bags.
- Transport may be very limited, non-existent or running at different times. Therefore, we ask you to transport your children to school, if at all possible, and to arrive between 9.00 and 9.30 and collect them between 2.30 and 3.15. I hope that the flexible timings will help you to manage more easily. The Local Authority has agreed to pay a mileage allowance if you are entitled to free transport.
- Visitors are not allowed on site and all deliveries are received by site staff outside of any buildings.
- Parents and carers will not be allowed to congregate on or around the site. Any interactions will be minimal and in the open air. More extensive conversations will continue to take place by phone or by email.
- Staff and pupils will take breaks within their year area, to maintain a very small number of interactions with others.
- Any pupil who cannot or will not follow safe practices will not be permitted to attend and will continue to be supported to learn at home.
- Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform, if possible. However, the current recommendation is that pupils and adults wear a complete set of clean clothes every day to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, so pupils may need to wear alternative clothes, which should be comfortable and appropriate for school.