

WELCOMING OUR PUPILS BACK – THE VALLEY MODEL

- We will have no more than one third of pupils 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 and each year group will have their own set of toilets
- Pupils will be in classes of no more than 4 and each class will engage with only 2 other groups of the same size during social times (i.e. contact with a maximum of 11 other pupils). There will be no sharing of resources and no activities involving physical contact. Each pupil will be invited in for 2 specific weeks and this will not be flexible.
- The first week your child is in school will be with the current year team of staff, who know them well and have been supporting them over the last few weeks. The second week, he or she will be with the team of staff that they will be linked to in September, so that pupils can get to know the adults well and understand what their curriculum and timetable will look like when we return for the new year.
- The day will run in a very similar pattern to normal. Lessons will be timed and pupils will focus on learning, so that they can re-establish predictable and reassuring routines. Breaks will be staggered and pupils will not be allowed to engage with other year groups. Travel around the school will be closely monitored and controlled.
- 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. Pupils will not require PE kit, but should arrive in school with footwear that can be used for physical activity.
- If your child has already been attending school, this provision will continue. Home learning for children who are not able to return will continue and will be facilitated by staff who are shielding.
- During week 1, we will be welcoming mainly year 11 pupils and ensuring that they have a genuine experience of “leaving”, with creative opportunities to say goodbye to their fellow pupils, by video and by permanent artworks, by music and by other means. In the Autumn, our annual Celebration Evening will also be their Prom. Their Leavers’ Assembly, an important event in the school calendar, will take place and be shared with all families by live video link.

	Week beginning:	Pupils in school
Week 1	1 st June	Year 11 only
Week 2	8 th June	Group A
Week 3	15 th June	Group B
Week 4	22 nd June	Group C
Week 5	29 th June	Group A
Week 6	6 th July	Group B
Week 7	13 th July	Group C