



## **The wider opening of schools: Year 10 and 12**

As South Wolds prepares to welcome some students from years 10 and 12 back onto the school site, I have drawn together some further information to help parents and carers understand how we are planning to open in a safe manner. These will be available on the school website and will be updated if further information is required.

Please be assured that significant details will be sent home to parents and carers during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June. I fully understand this is an anxious time for many and you must make a decision that is best for you and your family. We are missing every single one of our school community and will continue to work hard to provide high quality online provision for all students.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. Why are we welcoming some students back from 15<sup>th</sup> June?**

The government is asking all secondary schools in England to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, as part of the government's road map to recovery.

#### **2. Why years 10 and 12?**

They are facing public examinations next year. There is no national plan at present to welcome years 7, 8 or 9 back before the summer and they will continue their education remotely.

#### **3. How many students will be in school?**

The government guidance is clear that secondary schools can only welcome back a quarter of their cohort on any one day. This means that, at most, there will be 48 students overall on site on any one day, from year 10 and 12.

#### **4. What will the in-school offer be for year 10?**

Students will be in 'pods' of up to 15 students maximum. They will be taught in an open area (main hall or learning resource centre) for three one-hour sessions each time. These will cover English, maths and science and each session will be delivered by a subject specialist. Each pod will attend once a week and receive face-to-face support linked to the remote learning that is in place. This support will supplement remote learning so students who still remain at home and continue online learning will receive the same resources.

#### **5. What will the in-school offer be for year 12?**

Students will be taught in their option groups, in class sizes no larger than 15. They will be taught in larger spaces (Sixth Form Common Room, Sixth Form Study Room, A1/A2) for two three-hour sessions per subject before the end of term. They will be taught by their subject teachers and receive face-to-face support linked to the remote learning that is in place. This support will supplement remote learning so students who still remain at home and continue online learning will receive the same resources.

## **6. What are the start and end times of the school day?**

Students will be welcomed in to school at 8.45am and will leave site at 12.30pm. Each pod will have different instructions for where to enter school in order to maintain social distancing and includes hand washing on entry: it is essential that these are adhered to as part of the school's planning to mitigate risk. These instructions will be sent to you during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## **7. Will year 10 have to wear uniform?**

We are asking year 10 students to attend in school PE kit in order to support the simple washing of this kit after each session in school.

## **8. How will breaks and lunchtimes be run?**

Due to the limited sessions offered, students will be required to bring a snack and a bottle of water for their own use during the morning break. There is currently no lunch provision as students will be dismissed at 12.30pm. Each pod has a specified area to go to if they wish to go outside. Otherwise they will remain in their teaching area.

## **9. Will my child be able to use a toilet?**

Specific toilets for each pod will be in operation and these will be cleaned every 30minutes. Students will be allowed to use the toilets, one at a time.

## **10. Is my child required to wear a face mask?**

The current government guidance can be found here: [Implementing PPE in Schools](#). You will note that currently face masks are not recommended in schools but we will have some available on request.

## **11. Is it safe to use public transport?**

The government have made it clear that use of public transport should be minimised and we encourage students as far as possible to walk or cycle to school or travel by car. South Wolds serves a wide community and we understand that this may not always be possible. We are in contact with the local authority regarding potential student requirements for school buses from June 15th and the LA will have put in place safety measures to enable safer travel and social distancing on school buses.

## **12 . Will I be fined if I do not send my child back to school yet?**

The government have made it clear that parents will not be fined if they do not send their child back to school at the moment.

## **13. What if I do not send my child back immediately but then change my mind and require a place?**

We understand that there may be factors that stand in the way of your child returning to school and we are committed to working with you to reengage your child at a later time in the term if you request this. Once the initial survey closes on 8<sup>th</sup> June, we will publish on the website how to go about requesting a place at later date.

#### **14. Door handles.**

We have put in place significant extra measures for the repeated cleaning of areas in use: some queries relate to doors being kept open: internal doors (except fire doors) will be propped open to reduce the need to use handles. Where this is not the case, handles are being cleaned regularly.

Please note that all spaces will be available in line with considerations around staff availability.

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