

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday the government released its guidance on the re-opening of schools in September.

You can read the guidance here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The second page of this letter lists 9 requirements that schools must comply with.

Our aim is to make the re-opening of school as **comfortable, calm, and normal as possible**. Our priority will be the safety and well-being of all students. We will give students a **warm welcome, a full curriculum and sensitive, responsive teaching**.

Having evaluated the pros and cons of a very wide range of measures we propose the following protective measures for South Wirral High School –

- A phased re-opening of school

Wed Sept 2nd – year 7 only

Thurs Sept 3rd – year 7,9,11 only

Friday Sept 4th – years 8,10,12,13 only

All year groups from Monday September 7th

On their first day the students will have an extended tutor time on arrival. Tutors will explain and demonstrate the following protective measures:

- A New Home School Agreement that clearly outlines the responsibilities of the school, students and parents.
- A staggered start to the day, staggered lunch, and staggered end to the day. School buses will run as normal. Students can use the canteen while waiting for school to start.

		Start	Lunch	Finish	
Buses arrive 8.20-8.30 as normal	Years 7 & 8	8.30am	12.15	2.45pm	Buses depart at 3.20 as normal
	Years 9 & 10	8.45am	12.45	3pm	
	Years 11,12,13	9am	1.15	3.15pm	

- Year groups will use different entrances and all students will clean their hands using an automatic Infra-red sanitizer on entry, supervised by staff
- No large gatherings in school, eg. assemblies
- A supervised one-way system throughout school at lesson change-over
- Year groups will be in separate year group “bubbles” at lunch time in the canteen and hall. Hot and cold food will be available to all students. We ask parents to consider providing a packed lunch where possible.
- Students & staff will clean their hands at the start of every lesson with 70% alcohol sanitizer
- In years 7,8 and 9 we will aim to organise one teaching group for all written subjects in order to minimise the number of students that will be together in classrooms





- Student desks will face the teacher, wherever possible
- In every classroom the teacher will have access to a full PPE kit including sanitizer, wipes, tissues, mask, gown, visor, and gloves
- Extra cleaning on-site - hourly check on toilets, wiping down touch surfaces all day
- The Headteacher will be the Compliance Officer to ensure protective measures are followed
- There will be Individual risk assessments for students and staff who have been previously shielding or belong to vulnerable groups



More specific details will follow next week once a thorough consultation with staff has been completed. The full risk assessment will be made available for all parents to read.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that attendance will be compulsory in September. If you have questions please do send them into school. We will collate a set of "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" which we will circulate to you before the end of term. I hope that you and your family can enjoy a rest after many months of home learning! Thank you for your support throughout these exceptional times.



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**DFE guidance on prevention -
Schools should:**

- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- 2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- 5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing *wherever possible*
- 6) where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)



Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances. A full curriculum must be offered to schools and adults must maintain 2 metre social distancing.

Number 6 applies only in specific circumstances.

**DFE guidance on protection -
Schools should:**

- 7) engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 8) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- 9) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant