

THE HART SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions

Return to school- September 2020: questions and answers for students and their parents

What is happening on the first day?

Both Y7 and Y12 will be in school on Thursday 3 September for an induction to the school. Year 12 will then return to school on Monday 7 September.

This will start with a staggered arrival and departure of year groups in order to maintain students in their bubbles.

What are the timings for the school day?

On Monday 7th September the school gates will open no earlier than 8.20am and students should arrive to school at their allocated start time. It is important to note the entry gate for child to reduce the risk students moving across bubbles in school

Year Group	Start	End	Entry gate	Bubble
7	08:30am	15:00pm	Main (gate by driveway at the front of school)	Humanities block (D)
8	08:35am	15:05pm	New side gate (entrance located at the front of the school)	Science block (C)
9	08:40am	15:10pm	Rear	English block (A)
10	08:45am	15:10pm	Main (gate by driveway at the front of school)	Maths block (B)
11	08:50am	15:10pm	Pedestrian	Design block (F)
Sixth Form	09:05am	As per timetable	Pedestrian	Sixth Form block and specialist rooms

Travelling to school?

Students can walk, cycle or get dropped off. However, there will be no vehicular access to the school site. Students must observe social distancing on the way to school and on their way home. We will help remind students about this in school and we would ask for parents/carers to also reinforce this message.

What happens when students arrive at school?

Students will be welcomed on the gate and then will go straight to their year group bubbles (zone) where they will line up.

Where will lessons take place?

Year groups will be allocated a zone in the school. In year 7 & 8 lessons will be delivered in one classroom. In years 9-11 students may move rooms but only within their bubble. Students will mostly stay in their classroom and the teachers will move to students.

What will student's timetables look like?

Students will be following their normal timetable, but they will not be in your normal rooms, they will be in your bubble rooms.

What will students learn?

Students will be taught their normal lessons. Some subjects will have to change how they teach you because they may not have access to special equipment or have been advised not to do practical work because of the chance of infection.

What will the bubbles look like?

In year 7 & 8 students will be taught in tutor groups, in year 9 -11, students will be taught in sets or option groups.

What will the classroom look like?

The classroom will have tables that are facing forward wherever possible. If this is not possible, there will be Perspex screens on tables separating students who are facing each other. Teacher will teach in a zone that is 2 m away from students. Students will need to keep 2m away from adults in school wherever possible, this is to allow for the staff members who have to teach in a number of bubbles.

Do I need to continue with home learning?

We will continue with using the home-learning model for homework and in the event of the school needing to close. Otherwise, your lessons will be back to normal.

Worried about returning to school?

Everyone is likely to feel a bit nervous, but everyone will support you and the pastoral support team will be available in bubbles daily if you need some additional reassurance or help.

Will students stay in year group bubbles for most lessons?

- Year 7 and Year 8 - All subjects will be taught in the form room with the exception of those requiring specialist classroom. No other students will use the form room whilst the students are elsewhere.
- Years 9,10 and 11 – Written subjects will be taught within their year group bubble with movement between classrooms to accommodate options.
- KS5 – Students will be timetabled predominantly in our newly refurbished library. Sixth form rooms will not be accessed by other year group bubbles.
- Rooming will be clear on individual student timetables.
- Specialist rooms are due to be cleaned between lessons.

What happens at the end of the day?

- Students will need to leave site immediately at the end of the day through their allocated exit gate

What about the fact that students who have siblings in other years and other schools?

- The guidance is about reducing rather than eliminating risk. The guidance is to reduce unnecessary contact where possible whilst ensuring a full school experience for students.
- Handwashing, hand sanitising and good respiratory hygiene will be essential.

Worried about the work missed?

All teachers will support students. Students who have kept up to date with their home learning will have missed less work than they think. Try to remember that everyone is in the same situation. If students have got especially behind, we will work with them to come up with an action plan.

Arrangements for visiting the school

We will not be able to receive any visitors in school without prior appointments and we will have as many meetings as possible remotely.

Break times and food

From September we won't be accepting any form of cash; all trips, dinner money etc will need to be paid for via ParentPay, if you haven't yet set up an account please email finance@hartschool.org.uk to obtain your log in details.

Children need breaks from learning and social time with their peers. Students will continue to have a morning and afternoon break, but they will be reduced in time in order to allow for transition between lesson. Break time will be spent in year group bubbles, work has taken place over the summer to ensure that there is an offering of both hot and cold food available to students during both breaks as normal.

- **Break 1: 11:05-11:20am**
- **Break 2: 13:30-14:10pm**

It is advisory to send your child into school with a water bottle as the communal water fountain in the restaurant will not be available for students.

How will the school hold assemblies?

Whole school assembly for KS3 and KS4 will be held remotely within the year group bubbles

What equipment to bring?

Bring everything that you will need for the day. It is more important than ever that we try to avoid the need to borrow anything during a lesson because that item will need to be carefully cleaned after.

Some essential items to bring are:

- School bag to store books and equipment
- We have purchased a pencil case stocked with basic equipment and a calculator for your lessons
- Chromebooks fully charged if you have chosen to purchase one
- Food - unless you are purchasing food from school on the day
- Trainers on the day you have PE.

What about school rules?

- The same high standards and expectations apply
- Full school uniform – we have been advised that staff and students are safe to wear blazers and jackets
- Hair style and colour will need to comply with our uniform rules
- Rewards system will run as normal
- Internal exclusion will run as normal where students fail to meet the school expectations, these will take place within each year group bubbles.

Updates to the school behaviour, safeguarding and attendance policy have been made in the light of COVid19, these can be found on our website via the link:

<https://www.hartschool.org.uk/september-2020>.

What will happen if I don't come to school?

Normal school rules now apply to attendance; all students are expected to attend unless you are ill.

Students with an underlying health condition

Students/parents will have to get advice from their doctor. The school will then work out a risk assessment with the student and parents to support them coming back to school, medical evidence will be required in these cases.

What will happen to people who don't follow the social distancing rules?

The school will follow the behaviour for learning policy and take a very dim view of students deliberately breaking any rules that could affect the health and safety of others.

Can students wear face masks?

We have made the decision to require the use of face coverings for all staff and students when moving around, such as in corridors and in communal areas, and request that you ensure your child/children have plain face coverings to bring to school, as well as a plastic, sealable bag to keep them in when not in use.

We ask that face coverings are plain / black / grey or responsibly patterned without images, logos or words that may cause offence or distraction.

Can students wear their face masks in lessons?

In the classroom, children will be expected to remove their face covering, as per government advice, placing them in their clear resealable plastic bags. It is important that learning is not hindered by the inability to communicate clearly.

We are not asking children or staff to wear face masks in classrooms because:

- Classrooms have been organised to reduce any face to face contact
- Desks are forward facing to prevent face to face contact between children and staff
- There are 2M teaching zones in all rooms for adults
- Lessons have been adapted to reduce any high-risk activity or contact
- Doors and windows will be propped open to increase air flow where possible
- There are sanitisers placed on entry to each room to allow for frequent sanitisation of hands
- Classrooms and corridors will be deep cleaned every day to prevent the spread of infection

When will students need to wear a face covering at school?

- When moving around the school on corridors.
- When using the school toilets.
- When walking through communal areas e.g. the dining room, and main reception.

When will my child NOT need to wear a face covering at school?

- When they are sitting down in classrooms having their lessons.
- When they are outside the building having their break.
- When they are sat down eating their lunch in the dining room.

Where can I get a face covering?

- Reusable and single-use face coverings are available to buy in shops or online.
- We've attached instructions from the government on how to make a cloth face covering how to make a cloth face covering.
- Supervise your child if they'll be making it themselves.

What about enhanced cleaning and safety measures?

- We have employed additional cleaners during the school day to go around the school cleaning rooms and toilets.
- All students will sanitise their hands when entering their classroom.
- One-way systems and floor markings are in place across the school

What happens in the event of a suspected case of C-19?

Information and the latest guidance is found at

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

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus will be sent home to get a test and the household will be advised to self-isolate. Anyone else in the bubble remains in school.

- If the test is negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- If the test is positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.
- In the event of a positive test, we will contact the local health protection team straight away. We will then be given the latest advice about anyone who has been in close contact with the individual. Close contact is defined as face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them and/or being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes – including travelling in a small vehicle.

What if someone in my household has health issues?

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.

The only exception is the small number of students who:

- are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus

For these students, school will set work

- Students who remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. Read the current advice on shielding. This means that we will not be able to provide work for students whose parents keep them at home

What happens in the event of a local lockdown?

- In the very unlikely event that the school is required to close again, we aim to switch immediately to remote teaching
- Staff are now be prepared to deliver on-line learning via Microsoft Teams
- Students will all have training on accessing lessons (including safeguarding and behaviour expectations) and how to submit work via Microsoft Teams