



Northgate High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following our return to school letter last week we thought it would be useful to clarify a few questions we've received. These answers are our based on our most up to date understanding and are subject to change. We will endeavour to inform you of any changes as soon as we can.

FAQs

Does my child have to wear school uniform?

Yes, uniform is compulsory. We feel that it forms an important part of our ethos and togetherness. Current advice is that there is no need to wash uniform daily.

Does my child have to wear their PE kit?

Yes. They will be able to get changed at school using the changing rooms.

What if my child receives FSM?

Initially the canteen will be providing a packed lunch meal to any eligible pupils. Pupils will be able to choose from a variety of sandwiches, wraps, salads, fruits, snacks and drinks.

Can my child wear a face mask?

Current government guidance is that staff and pupils should not wear face masks in school settings (unless involved in direct first aid or care for specific pupils). Should either staff or pupils wear a mask, it should be removed once at school and stored in sealed bag.

Are the lockers still compulsory?

Due to the need to minimise risk and have Year group bubbles, the use of lockers have been suspended. Lockers will not be in use so pupils need to prepare their bags and equipment carefully before school. Special considerations can be made if we are informed in advance.



Where will my child's zone/area be at break and lunchtimes?

As pupils will be in their Year groups for all lessons, they will also remain in Year groups at social times. Under no circumstances should pupils move around site and go to any other areas.

Year 7	Hall and outside eating area
Year 8	Boys PE area and lower tennis courts
Year 9	Main tennis courts
Year 10	Area outside English
Year 11	KS4 area outside maths

When appropriate we will also zone the field and have a rota for the use of the 3G pitch. For wet weather days, rooms will be allocated to pupils on the day.

Are practical subjects such as technology, art and music, still taking place?

Yes. For all of these subjects we are following DfE guidance with additional support from the specific associations. There is nothing for pupils to change in their preparation for these lessons. We expect all pupils to follow any changes **within** the lessons as instructed by the class teacher.

Can I still come into school to speak to teachers?

Our risk assessment is very clear that any visitors to site must be essential and pre-booked. Please try and communicate via phone and/or email and do not just arrive without prior warning at school as you will not be allowed in.

Are there any changes to the Home School Agreement?

Yes. These were made for pupils who attended school during Year 10 and 12 face to face sessions. We will email these out during August and request that you complete the online acknowledgment. However, the same principles apply in that anyone who deliberately endangers others through physical or verbal acts will not be welcome.

Will there be provision so that my child wash their hands?

Yes, handwashing will still take place as it always has using the sinks in the toilet blocks. It is also a requirement that all pupils bring their own hand sanitiser with them and use when necessary.

Kind regards

Mrs Z Galley

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Heads of Northgate High School, DSFC and DESA

