

Re-opening of Educational Provision
Home-School Agreement
Amended: August 2020



Outline

The government guidance on 28th August 2020 states 'it is our plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term'. Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive, social, emotional and academic development. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low, and given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. We know that school is a vital point of contact for public health and safeguarding services that are critical to the wellbeing of children and families and by re-opening under certain specific conditions we aim to support learning and bridge any gaps that may have appeared.

Children will be in year group bubbles at social time with designated areas and toilets. Whilst in class pupils will remain with their teaching set for the day and not allowed to mix with each other or other groups, with the exception of some movement for 'Option' subjects in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, and core PE and technology in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Children will be required to remain at their desks for the majority of the day. Set breaks and a reduced lunch break will allow the eating of snacks and packed lunches. Children should remain socially distanced during social time including toilet breaks, as set out in the guidance below.

We will endeavour to make the experience as positive as possible for pupils returning to school, and recognise that children will be anxious; the support of staff will help with this as much as possible.

School Provision and Organisation

- Provision will be from 8.45am
 - Yr7 will finish at 3.15pm and must leave site promptly
 - Yr8 will finish at 3.20pm and must leave site promptly
 - Yr9 will finish at 3.25pm and must leave site promptly
 - Yr10, 11, 12 and 13 will finish at 3.30 and must leave site promptly
- Any children requiring bus transport home will go to the main hall and sit in year bubbles in their designated bus area until escorted to their bus when it arrives.
- Any children using buses to get to and from school will be required to wear a face mask whilst on school transport.
- Children will be in designated class groups chosen by the school and will follow a 2 week timetable.
- All rooms will be used and cleaned regularly
- Children will be required to follow a clockwise one-way system around the outside of school. There will be minimal corridor movement and children are expected to be outside wherever possible.
- Classrooms will be set out in a way to minimise risk and children will be required to stay in their seat for the lesson
- Food provision on site will be only for those eligible for free school meals, all other food and drink required will need to be brought from home.
- Equipment must be brought in by the child as the school will not be able to lend equipment
- If a child is a risk to the health and safety of others they will be sent home. Parents/carers are expected to collect or arrange collection promptly once notified.
- Attendance is compulsory unless there is a medical or COVID-19 documented reason
- Should your child become unwell at school, we will contact you, or one of your nominated contacts immediately to arrange their collection from school.

- Toilet blocks will be designated to year groups and there will be a maximum of 2 per the block at any time
- Year groups will be designated a set area for break and lunch and they must remain in these areas
- Face masks are optional outside the classroom. No face masks will be permitted in the classroom. Any face masks must be plain and one solid colour (no designs or wording will be allowed)

Parent/carer responsibilities

- To ensure that your child is healthy and well to attend school with **no signs or symptoms of Covid-19**. Please refer to the NHS website for an up to date list.
- No parents will be allowed on the school site, with the exception of those picking up ill children from the medical room
- To ensure that pupils understand they have to arrive with clean hands and clothes each day
- We/I will let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour during this time. The school will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.
- To support the school in ensuring that your child understands the expectations of the amended home-school agreement to minimise your child's anxiety and to keep all children and staff safe
- To share the responsibility for the behaviour of your child with staff and to support the school during this unprecedented time.
- To agree to support the school by ensuring that your child follows the school's rules and expectations during this reopening for the safety of all children and staff
- To continue to support home learning

Pupil responsibilities

- To listen carefully to, and follow the instructions of staff at school at all times, especially the new expectations that we all have to follow for social distancing, designated areas, cleanliness and spaces inside, and outside school
- To limit my movements in school, as agreed with my parents/carers and teachers during this different time
- To behave safely at all times in school, recognising that my actions have consequences for my safety, and the safety of those around me
- To travel safely to and from school to make sure that I don't put my parents/carers, other children or any members of the public at risk
- I understand that I will be allocated a space at a desk which is my space to work in, and I know that I must not touch or use other children's equipment.
- I understand that I will eat my food (if required) in my designated area, and there will not be any opportunity to purchase food in school (unless I receive free school meals). I will bring a full water bottle with me to ensure I am fully hydrated during the day.

We are not requesting that this Home School Agreement is signed and returned as in previous years. However, by sending your child to Northgate High School we expect that you work with us on all the above points and help to support those who may not.