



## COMMUNITY

Corona Virus Update 25: 17th July 2020

# START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to keep you informed of our plans for **re-opening** in September and what your child's return to Newsome High School will look like.

WEEK 1		WEEK 2	
Monday 7th Sept	INSET	Monday 14th Sept	Year 7 and Year 11
Tuesday 8th Sept	INSET	Tuesday 15th Sept	Year 7, 11, 10
Wednesday 9th Sept	Year 7 only	Wednesday 16th Sept	Year 7, 11, 10, 9
Thursday 10th Sept	Year 7 only	Thursday 17th Sept	ALL
Friday 11th Sept	Year 7 only	Friday 18th Sept	ALL

- *Students are to be in usual school uniform.*

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They've decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means that we are planning to open to **all** of our **students** in **September**. It goes without saying that we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back, and we are working hard to make the school a **safe, familiar** and **enjoyable environment**.



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## 1. Attendance

- Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all students to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences.
- If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August if there is a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back to school in September.
- However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your child should remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We'll be offering remote education to these students.

## 2. Symptomatic and Positive COVID-19 cases

- Please be reassured we are following a strict protocol in line with Public Health, NHS Test and Trace and Kirklees guidance
- Any child or adult displaying Coronavirus symptoms should not attend school. This also applies if anyone in the household is symptomatic. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:
  - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
  - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

This list may be updated prior to September

Call 119 or visit: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) to arrange a test for the person displaying symptoms

- **Negative test result:** household stops isolating immediately your child can return to school
- **Positive test result:** your household must continue to isolate.  
Infected person = 7 days      Everyone else = 14 days from the start of symptoms
- You will be contacted directly if a child/staff member in your child's 'bubble' tests positive for COVID-19. Individual identities will not be revealed
- In this event, all children in contact with that 'bubble' will be required to self-isolate for 14 days (their household members do NOT need to self-isolate unless they themselves develop symptoms)
- If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms while at school, you will be notified. Please ensure all contact details we hold are up to date. They will be supervised in isolation until they are collected. We will ask you to organise a Coronavirus test and they should remain in self-isolation until the results are received. If the test is positive, NHS test and trace will advise the school and close contacts of who should self-isolate





### 3. Safety measures

- When your children come into school, the following protective measures will be in place:
  - All year groups will remain in year group 'bubbles' throughout the day
  - Staggered start and end times to minimise congestion
  - Separate break and lunch areas for each year group
  - Separate toilet areas for each year group
  - Hand sanitiser at every entrance/exit and in classrooms to promote frequent hand washing
  - Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
  - Classroom layout to minimise movement and as per government guidance - all desks forward facing
  - Students to practise social distancing (1m+) and staff (2m) where possible
  - Increased cleaning
  - Basic equipment sets to be given to students to minimise sharing
  - Marked out one way and queuing systems where applicable
  - Dining arrangements will reflect the current health and safety measures - a hot meal option will be provided if possible but choice may be limited
  - PPE guidelines will be adhered to in accordance with Public Health policies, e.g. administering First Aid
  - Chewing gum is strictly prohibited and sanctions may apply

### 4. Arriving at and leaving school

- Children should walk or cycle to school where possible
- Please be aware of the government guidance that **face coverings** are **compulsory** on public transport  
All face coverings should be removed and stored in a plastic bag or disposed of safely on arrival at school
- Pick up/Drop off - Strictly **no admission** to the school site (on foot or by vehicle) except by prior arrangement
- Parents/Carers should arrange to meet their child away from the school site
- Parents/Carers and Children should observe social distancing and not congregate - please ensure any children picking up siblings are aware of and follow the guidance issued by primary schools
- All parking restrictions and road markings on the neighbouring streets should be obeyed and congestion avoided. When these rules are flouted, the road becomes dangerous for our children due to an increased risk of accidents





## 5. Daily routine & structure of the day.

### Key Stage 3

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Zone	Tower Block Upper	Tower Block Lower	Science
Entry	HI Entrance	MFL Entrance	Student Entrance
Arrive	8:35	8:40	8:45
Team Time	8:40	8:45	8:50
Period 1	9:10	9:10	9:10
KS3 Break	10:05	10:10	10:10
Period 2	10:25	10:30	10:30
Period 3	11:25	11:30	11:30
KS3 Lunch	12:25	12:30	12:30
Period 4	12:55	13:00	13:00
Period 5	13:55	14:00	14:00
Exit	14:55	15:00	15:05
Toilets	Staff	Student Toilets	Canteen toilet/Boys' PE toilets
Social space	LRC/Bottom Court	Dining Hall/Quad (Front court)	Canteen/ Top Astro

### Key Stage 4

	Year 10	Year 11
Zone	Maths	CAPE
Entry	PI	PFL
Arrive	8:50	8:30
Team Time	8:55	8:45
Period 1	9:10	9:10
Period 2	10:10	10:10
KS4 Break	11:05	11:10
Period 3	11:25	11:30
Period 4	12:25	12:30
KS4 Lunch	13:25	13:30
Period 5	13:55	14:00
Exit	14:55	Period 6 15:00-16:00
Toilets	PFL (lesson)	Student Toilets (cleaned between)
Social Space	Canteen/Top Court	Dining Hall/ Quad/bottom court

## 6. Break and Lunch Time Arrangements

- All year groups will have a separate indoor and outdoor space for social times
- Seating will reflect social distancing measures
- A hot/cold lunch menu will be available every day but options will be limited
- A cashless system remains in effect. All student accounts should be topped up online via Parent Pay or a barcoded letter at a Paypoint.
- Due to COVID-19 health and safety restrictions we cannot accept cash top-up in school
- Any issues with payment or to request a letter please email office@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk
- Students may continue to bring a packed lunch
- The communal water fountain will not be in use. Please ensure your child brings water with them as opportunities to buy drinks will be limited





## 7. Curriculum

Although there will need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we will still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum.

- All students are currently being assessed through Google Classroom tasks to support and identify starting points for our return
- All year groups will continue to study all their subjects
- Our lessons will continue to be delivered by subject specialists for all year groups
- There will be a period of restoration for all subjects in order to ensure any learning gaps are identified and students are supported to progress and regain confidence
- The content of lessons may be modified to follow health and safety guidelines, e.g. group work may be limited, PE may not involve team sports etc
- Year 11 curriculum will be modified to reflect the Ofqual guidelines as outlined in our latest communication
- Marking and feedback will continue with some possible adjustments
- Our breakfast club will run but will be delivered directly to students in zones

## 8. Medical

Please urgently make us aware of any changes to your child's medical needs.

- Any pre-existing medical conditions which we may be aware of but you feel may increase your child's vulnerability to COVID-19 despite the changes outlined above should be raised so an additional risk assessment can be made
- Any relevant additional medical guidance from GPs or Consultants should be communicated
- Children will be required to wash their hands frequently with hand sanitiser, please make us aware if your child has any medical skin condition and/or allergy which may require an adapted regime





## 9. Pastoral support

- We are aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our students and we have made a conscious effort to stay in touch as much as possible.
- Please let us know if you think your child might need extra support when returning to school, if they feel anxious about coming back or they're experiencing bereavement

## 10. Our current plans to support your children's wellbeing during this time are as follows:

- The relevant Behaviour for Learning Coordinator will be placed within your child's learning zone to support with any pastoral matters
- Time will be dedicated to awareness, discussions and information sharing with Team Leaders
- Our in house Counselor will be on hand to support with any form of anxiety, mental health or engagement difficulties
- Vulnerable students will still have the opportunity to access additional support and break out areas within their hub
- The SEND team will focus on supporting the wellbeing of students who have difficulty re-engaging in school
- Risk Assessments will be in place and reviewed regularly for all students with an EHCP
- School will continue to liaise with the relevant professionals and providers to ensure the right support is in place

We are extremely grateful for all the support received from the school community and we will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher



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## SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Kirklees Youth alliance (KYA) is really excited to be bringing you a programme of free summer activities for a second year running! Lockdown has meant we've not been able to plan any clubs in community buildings like last year but we'll have plenty to entertain you on this brilliant new website!

Every day, Monday to Friday, we'll be posting a new activity video for you to enjoy. These will include cookery workshops, fitness sessions, creative challenges from LBT, art classes and music sessions. A full programme will be published the week before the school holidays start.

**KYA'S SCHOOLS OUT!**  
 7 WEEKS OF FREE ONLINE ACTIVITIES AT:  
[WWW.YOUTHCENTRAL.CO.UK/SCHOOLS-OUT](http://WWW.YOUTHCENTRAL.CO.UK/SCHOOLS-OUT)  
 AGES 12-18  
**WEEK 1: 20-26TH JULY**

<b>MON</b>	<b>DANCE EMPORIUM PRESENT STEP BY STEP!</b> "DON'T RUSH" STREET
<b>TUES</b>	<b>GET CREATIVE WITH THE LBT</b> PHYSICAL WARM-UP AND IMPROVISATION
<b>WED</b>	<b>RICKY'S SCHOOL OF ROCK</b> HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL: LESSON 1
<b>THUR</b>	<b>COOKING TOGETHER KIRKLEES</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S ART SCHOOL</b> CARDBOARD SCULPTURE
<b>SAT</b>	<b>COOKING WITH KATIE'S KITCHEN</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLD SOUNDS</b> A CREATIVE APPROACH TO MAKING MUSIC FROM OUR HOMES

Logos: KYA, Kirklees Youth Alliance, THE YOUTH CENTRAL, Juniper foodwise, LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE HUDDERSFIELD, Kirklees Fine Project, Supported by Kirklees COUNCIL

