

17 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you for your continued patience and support as we work together to get through this difficult time. We are pleased that the Government have clearly stated that they want all students to return to school full time in September.

Arrangements for September

We have been planning our response to the Government guidelines issued on Thursday 2nd July and we will continue to add finer details to our plan during the summer break. However, we wish to provide you with as much information as possible to help you to plan ahead for September. This information is accurate at the time of writing. However, there may well be changes directed by the Government, during the holidays and these plans could change at very short notice.

The recently released government guidance advises that we should limit (as far as possible) interaction between different year groups in school. This is in order to avoid a whole school shut down should there be a Coronavirus outbreak within the learning community. One of the key messages from the Government is that students do not need to observe social distancing within their year group. Therefore, we will be creating year group bubbles and year group teaching zones. We will also be staggering start and finish times to school as well as lunchtimes.

I can confirm our arrangements for the start of the new term as follows:

Start Dates

In September, the school day, school site, school systems and procedures will all be very different. It is essential that each year group are welcomed back to school carefully, receiving the appropriate focus and time for support. Therefore, the start of term will be staggered in the following way:

Monday 31 st August	August bank holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	School open to Year 11 and new Year 7
Thursday 3 rd September	All year groups

Temporary School Day

There are a number of measures and controls required to reduce risks and to follow the DfE guidance. Therefore, there will be a temporary school day in place until Covid-19 restrictions for schools can be further relaxed and/or changed. Consequently, we are asking different year groups to arrive at school according to the times in the table below and enter at their designated point. It is important that students

only enter school at their specified times to avoid mixing of year group bubbles.

Year	Entrance	Arrive
7	Thorne Road	8.15 am
11	Front Gate	8.15 am
9	Thorne Road	8.30 am
10	Front Gate	8.30 am
8	Thorne Road	8.40 am

We appreciate students starting at different times can be problematic for parents and please rest assured that this will be reviewed on a regular basis with a view to aligning start times if at all possible.

If parents/carers are delivering/collecting their child by car, they should remain in their car at all times and once their child is in place, they should leave the school site immediately. Please can we ask that parents/carers consider an alternative collection/drop off point to avoid traffic issues in the bus bay, which could impact on social distancing.

Students must not congregate in the bus bay, community or on Thorne Road before or after school.

If a student wishes to travel to school on a bike, parents/carers need to apply for a 'Bike-it Permit' via the information on the website <https://www.hungerhillschool.com/news/?pid=8&nid=3&storyid=315>. Cycling students entering via the Thorne Road gate in a morning should use the bike shed. Students entering via the front main gate will leave their bikes on the racks outside rooms 3 & 4, as per this year.

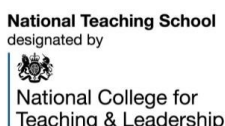
Students are advised by the government to avoid using public transport where possible. We appreciate that in some cases parents have no alternative, therefore, should students use public transport they must adhere to the latest Government advice and wear a face mask. This should be removed (only touching the elastic at the side) and stored in a plastic bag, then placed into their school bag on entry onto the school site. Students should not wear masks on the school site unless this part of their usual health plan.

Students should only bring necessary equipment/resources that they will need for the day, including exercise books, pencil cases, a scientific calculator and a geometry set. They may also bring their mobile phone into school but it should be turned off and in their bag once they have entered the school site - as per the school policy.

At the end of the school day, Period 5 teachers will escort students out of school via the Thorne Road exit.

Timings for each year group leaving school are shown below:

Year	Where	Leave
7	Thorne Road	2.55 pm
9	Thorne Road	3.00 pm
10	Thorne Road	3.05 pm
8	Thorne Road	3.10 pm
11	Thorne Road	4.05 pm Monday to Wednesday 3.15 pm Thursday and Friday only



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Lunchtimes and Food

In order to avoid year group mixing, there will be no food served before school or at break time. Students are welcome to bring healthy snacks from their own home and we would advise that, where possible, students bring a packed lunch. At lunchtime, students will access the canteen one year group at a time. We will be providing a reduced food menu consisting of sandwiches, hot paninis, Pasta King, cartons of juice and a cold dessert. Students should bring a reusable water bottle (bottled drinks will not be for sale in school at this time). We have been advised that it is safer and cheaper for students to have their own bottle, which can be refilled at lunchtime. During lunch time, students will each have a half hour break to socialise and go outside in a year group zone. Lunch time arrangements will be reviewed within the first few weeks of term with a view to introducing a hot food option at the earliest opportunity.

Break Time

We have had to think creatively about break time in order to minimise social mixing of year groups. Students will remain within their teaching rooms during break time and we have included opportunities, throughout the day, for students to have 'stretch breaks' where they are able to go outside and get some fresh air.

Curriculum

We are committed to keeping our curriculum broad and balanced with the need to consider that not everything can remain the same under the guidance that has been issued. The curriculum will remain largely unchanged for Years 10 and 11 during this temporary model and students in these year groups will progress with their qualifications as planned. We are fortunate that we have a three-year Key Stage 4 model and teachers have been working hard to adapt curriculum plans, schemes of learning and home learning to ensure that students can make up for the time where they have not been in school. Staff have also been altering schemes of learning to ensure that distance learning will provide more online remote teacher led lessons in the event of another lockdown.

All year groups will study the full curriculum as normal, taught by subject specialist teachers. Additional provision will be made for students who are identified as requiring additional support, for example, in literacy or numeracy.

Teaching Zones

Students from each year group will have allocated classrooms within a fixed area of the school as shown below:

Year Group	Rooms
7	Rooms 15-24, AS1
8	Rooms 1-8, DT5, ICT2, DT4
9	Rooms 25-31 DT6
10	Rooms 10-14, Lab 1-Lab 4
11	N32, N33, N34, Lab 5-Lab 10, ICT6

Each area will have designated toilets and all classrooms will have hand sanitising stations. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will remain within their allocated teaching zone. Instead, subject teachers and support staff will move between rooms when needed and duty staff will supervise change overs. Year 10 and 11 students will use classrooms and subject specific locations throughout the to ensure that they can continue to study their more practically based subjects. As students are required to remain within their own teaching zones, certain areas of the school will not be accessible to students, at this time, including the library and The Hub.



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Uniform

Your child should return to school in their full uniform. It is highly likely that your child will not need to wear uniform on the day they have practical PE. Instead they should come to school in their PE kit with the addition of black joggers, or black leggings with their PE T-Shirt and PE top or jumper with appropriate footwear. This is so we can avoid the use of congested changing rooms.

Students should attend school in uniform on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September.

Students should not take this as an opportunity to push uniform boundaries and will be expected to meet our uniform requirements at all times.

Summer holidays seem to be a time when some students have piercings, false nails and extreme haircuts. Please do not allow your child to come to school wearing piercings, false nails, brightly coloured hair or non-uniform items of clothing. The school rules are available on the school website. Thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents and students who understand this and support us.

Some parents have contacted the school with concerns regarding uniform stock from Cliffs, our provider. Cliffs are confident that if stock is not available it can be ordered and will arrive in time for the September start. Please see the most recent letter from Cliffs on the school website that provides further details.

In response to Covid-19, we have made the decision to recycle uniform and stationery. If you have any unwanted items that are in good condition and that may help some of our students during this difficult financial time, we would be really grateful if you could donate these at reception which is open throughout the summer holidays. If you are a parent/carer who is struggling to purchase new uniform or stationery this year and wish to make use of any donations, due to financial hardship, please contact uniform@hungerhillschool.com - please note that all uniform donated will be cleaned and pressed prior to redistribution.

Behaviour and Wellbeing

Students' health and wellbeing is our utmost priority and measures are being taken to ensure that students experiencing unease, trauma or bereavement have access to support in school. To keep students and staff safe, an amendment to the behaviour policy has been approved which covers sanctions for any students who put other students and staff at risk from unsafe behaviour such as coughing or spitting. The school is launching a new behaviour policy in September which includes a points system that encourages students to strive for excellence.


Attendance

The government advice on attendance is clear. Students should return to school in September unless they have a letter from a GP or the NHS explaining that they are not required to attend school. We are unable to authorise absences if parents or students are nervous about Coronavirus. We understand some parents and students will be apprehensive about the return to school but please be assured we are doing all we can to keep our students safe in line with government guidance.

If your child, or anyone in the household develops symptoms of Covid-19, they should self-isolate according to guidelines. Please do not send your child to school in these circumstances. If anyone in the household tests positive for Covid-19, please inform school as soon as possible. We will continue to follow guidance and instruction from Public Health England, and follow their instructions in managing any confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Visitors to the school site



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We will be limiting visitors to the school site, and parents/carers will only be invited onto site for meetings where a suitable alternative is impossible. Anyone arriving without an appointment will not be allowed entry to the site.

We appreciate that there is a lot of information for parents and students to take on board. We have created a short film to highlight the key points that can be found using the following link. This will be available from Saturday 18th July <https://www.hungerhillschool.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=303>

In addition, the new procedures will be discussed with students on their return.

Hungerhill News

Year 10 Phased Return Feedback

Since returning to Hungerhill on the 15th June, Year 10 students have had face-to-face sessions in maths, English and science alongside geography, history or literacy lessons. Students have conducted themselves in an outstanding manner during this time, adhering to all guidelines well, having a positive attitude to learning in their lessons and adapting to some very different challenges. Out of the Year 10 students who indicated they would be coming back into school, the average attendance has been 85%, with 68% of the whole year group having attended at least one session since we reopened for Year 10. We have compared this data to other local secondary schools and our students' commitment has been far greater. We are very proud of our students for this and want to thank parents/carers and students for their support in these difficult times. Students have received a letter home and commendation from the Headteacher to thank them for their commitment to school, based on their attendance to the face-to-face sessions. We asked our Year 10 students how they felt about the face-to-face sessions they have had since the school re-opening. The comments below show what a great impact the sessions have had on their wellbeing and progress.

"I didn't know what to expect when I came back to school but it was much better than I thought it would be! I feel relieved and more comfortable now about coming back properly in September."

"The small groups have made us all feel close and the atmosphere has been friendly, fun and productive."

"I have been able to focus better than at home and the teacher has been able to answer our questions more easily as well as giving us personal, face-to-face feedback."

"The mock revision really helped me and eased my worries. We covered so many topics and I don't feel I would have done as well without this."


"The sessions in school have helped things to sink in that I learnt at home with revision and new topics. We have made lots of progress!"

It has been a pleasure seeing our Year 10 students back in school and we look forward to welcoming many of them in for Summer School and for their full return in September as Year 11s!

Student Leaders

The process for our new Year 11 Student Leaders has now taken place. To begin the process all staff nominated one female and one male student who they considered had the attributes to become a student leader. Students who received multiple nominations and passed the required criteria based on their Attitude to Learning grades, attendance, positive and negative behaviour events and contributions to the wider curriculum, were then instructed to record a short video to explain why they wanted to become a



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Student Leader. The standard of the videos was extremely high and it was clear to see why this group of students had received so many nominations from staff.

The Senior Leadership team had the tough task of further shortlisting the students. These students were then invited to attend an interview for the Head and Deputy Head boy/girl positions. Again, the students were excellent in interview which made the decision very difficult.

After much deliberation, we are excited to announce our new Head and Deputy Head boys and girls, along with our new student leaders:

Head Boy

Taylor Fox

Head Girl

Mollie Peacock

Deputies

Sophie Cockett, Holly Finch and Ben Taylor

Vice Deputies

Katie Canham, Bethany Dixon, Matthew Stevenson and Harrison Stokes

Student Leaders

Sienna Bonds, Kelly Huang, Heidi Johnson, Amy Kaltz, Ellie Shemeld, Helena Taylor, Libby Wood, Eve Wren, Sonnay Borucu, Owen Dungworth, Sudais Habib, Sam Shipley, Charlie Fullerton and Lewis Stork.

Congratulations to all our new Student Leaders and we look forward to working with you on various projects throughout the year.

Please find the link to our Student Leadership webpage:

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Student+Leadership&pid=55>

End of Year Project Feedback

Year 7, 8 and 9 have been completing a bespoke cross-curricular project called 'The Ultimate Day Out'. Different activities covered a range of all subjects and the interform competition will be judged in September with prizes for the best ideas. Some of the feedback from our students is outlined below:

Year 7: "It is really interesting because you can create your own ideas and use your imagination."


Year 8: "The project is exciting because it's something really different to do."

Year 9: "I liked using my own software and coming up with something really original. I love anything to do with theme parks!"

Rewards Trips 2021

We intend to run the end of year rewards trips that were planned for this summer in July 2021. These trips are for all students who show a great dedication to their studies. We feel it is important to recognise those students who consistently strive on a daily basis to do their very best. During the course of next year, your child's effort, behaviour, missed homework, attendance and punctuality will be monitored closely and students who strive for excellence will be offered their place again next year. Any money paid by parents of Year 7-9 this year will roll over to pay for the same trip next year. Year 10 students who will be going into Year 11 in September will have various other incentives to look forward to, including the prom, leavers' assembly, leavers' hoodies etc. Money paid by Year 10 parents can be transferred over towards the cost of



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the other incentives available next year. Alternatively, we can arrange a refund for you in the Autumn Term.

Well-being support over the summer holidays

We know that times are still difficult for many young people and parents and over the summer holidays, without the valuable support network of the school, some may feel a little more on their own. We have put together a list of services that may be of use over the next few weeks, should you need to access any support. Further information about the types of services they offer can be found on their websites. Links are provided on the brand-new page we have created on our website that can be accessed through the menus of both the 'parents' and 'students' sections, called 'Well-being support'. We hope that you find this useful, should you wish to access it.

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Well%2Dbeing+Support&pid=266>

Year 10 Summer School

Thank you to all of the students and parents who have committed to attending the Summer School. Please check your child's school email address for details of timings, groupings and equipment to bring. An abridged copy may be found on the school website. We look forward to seeing you all on the 17th August.

Extended Day for Current Year 10

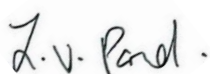
Polite reminder: From Monday 7th September current Year 10 will have an extended day Monday to Wednesday.

Year 11 GCSE Results

We have now been able to provide further details of the arrangements for results day on 20th August. Please check your child's school email address for further details. An abridged copy may be found on the school website.

We are unable to predict what will happen in the future and I am sure you have been experiencing uncertainty during the current situation. However, we have planned what we can and we are prepared for our September return. At the same time, we are ready to adapt our plans to evolving circumstances. I look forward to welcoming our students back to school and supporting each other to bring our school community together again.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Pond
Interim Headteacher

