

05 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Return to School – Monday 8 March

We look forward to welcoming all year groups back to full on-site learning on Monday 8 March. We appreciate some students may be feeling anxious about their return, therefore form time will be extended on the first day into lesson 1 to allow time for students to re-connect with their tutor and peers. They will be able to ask their tutor any questions which they may have that might be worrying them about lost learning or the general transition back into school. There will also be an opportunity for social conversations to promote health and wellbeing prior to moving into their academic studies.

Ensuring a safe return to on-site learning

We have been delighted with how maturely our children have engaged with the mass testing programme this week and by Friday we will have completed the first round of testing. The testing programme will continue upon students return to school in line with the government advice. After 2 further on-site tests students will be issued with home testing kits to continue testing twice-weekly. More details regarding this will follow in due course.

Risk Assessment

Our priority remains doing everything we can to keep everyone in our community safe. We have updated our risk assessment to reflect the most recent government advice, and this remains available via the school website. Please note the most recent amendments are highlighted for your reference.

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Risk+Assessments&pid=330>

Face Masks

One of the updates is the mandatory wearing of face masks by all students and staff as advised by the government, this includes within classrooms. Students must bring their own however in the event that they do not have their own, they will be provided with one by school. For each subsequent mask issued a charge of 20p will be incurred. Students will be provided with 'stretch breaks' within lessons to allow students to remove their masks for a limited amount of time where it is safe to do so. Any student exempt of wearing a face mask due to medical reasons must show this evidence to their Form Tutor or Head of Year. Any student refusing to wear a face mask without exemption will be required to work in isolation during lessons and will not be allowed into the communal areas at social time, in order to protect the school community.

School Day

As advised by the government, the year group 'bubbles' will remain in place. The school will also continue to operate in the same way as prior to Christmas with staggered start, finish and social times to minimise the risk of transmission. All students should only enter school via their designated entrance and a reminder of the start/finish times is below:

Year Group	Entrance	Start Time	End Time
Year 7	Thorne Road	8:15am	2:55pm
Year 8	Thorne Road	8:40am	3:10pm
Year 9	Thorne Road	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 10	Front Gate	8:30am	3:05pm
Year 11	Front Gate	8:15am	3:15pm (On Thursday and Friday only)

In order to further support Year 11, we will be resuming the extended school day Monday-Wednesday from Monday 15 March.

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to make some changes to a small number of forms, in terms of Form Tutors. This will not take effect until Tuesday 9 March.

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory for all students from Monday 8 March and the usual attendance rules and protocols will be in place from this date. We have to report daily attendance figures to both the DfE and Local Authority who are actively pursuing fixed penalty fines where attendance is not authorised. On the whole students have engaged exceptionally well with their remote learning and we look forward to these habits being maintained as we return to on-site learning.

Uniform

With the notice provided for the return to school, we expect all students to return to school in full school uniform from Monday 8th March. As previously communicated, Cliffs has remained open for online sales and during this time we have also permitted the purchase of uniform items from other providers such as local supermarkets but only where Cliffs do not have the correct sizes available. If you have uncovered that existing uniform no longer fits and have been unable obtain replacements, we have a stock of spare, unused, clean uniform available at school that we are able to loan and equally we are happy to accept donations of old uniform for our swap shop. These can be left in the boxes in the school entrance. On days when students have PE they should continue to follow the process that was in place before the Lockdown, which is Hungerhill school PE kit with their school blazer on top.

Equipment

All lessons return as normal from Monday, therefore students need to ensure that they arrive fully equipped each day. The sharing of resources/equipment should be kept to a minimum and only done when following strict cleaning protocols. It is therefore essential that students have basics such as pens, pencils, rulers in addition to other specialist equipment such as calculators and changes of footwear/clothing for PE lessons.



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School Lunches

Between the 8-19 March it is anticipated that our main hall will continue to be used as our test centre to conduct the asymptomatic mass testing of students. So unfortunately, throughout this time, we will not be offering a canteen service, other than to provide a lunch for those students eligible for a free school meal.

Therefore, a packed lunch must be brought to school during this period and students will eat their lunch in an alternative location. In the short term, any child entitled to a free school meal will be served a £2.50 meal deal from the canteen extension. Examples of meal deals would be a pasta king pot/panini/cold sandwich all with a desert. Water will be made available, however no additional items can be purchased during this time. Please bear this in mind when you are sending your child to school in case there are any provisions that your child may need to bring from home.

Transport

We have been informed that the bus service will resume its usual service from Monday 8 March. Please remember the following advice from the DfE on how to travel to school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

<https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/journeyplanning/school-buses#section2>


SIMS Pay

We would like to remind parents that we intend to go live with our new payment platform when the school reopens. If you wish for your child to have access to the canteen, then you must create an account. This can be done by following the link in the invitation email priority one contacts received in February. If you did not receive an invitation email, please contact finance@hungerhillschool.com for support. A big thank you to all the parents who have already registered.

Contacting School

Unfortunately, while we remain in the early stages of the lockdown exit strategy, visits should be minimised. No parent should access the school premises without a prior appointment. If you have any issues, telephone or email contact with your child's form tutor or Head of Year must be the first point of contact. Alternatively, please contact us via email admin@hungerhillschool.com where our reception team will ensure your query is forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.



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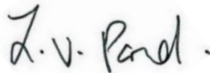


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Following feedback from parents, we have recently relaunched our twitter handle @hungerhillschool where we will post updates and also use the platform to celebrate the work and achievements of our students. Please give us a 'follow'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their rapid response and engagement with the mass testing process. This has meant that the school can begin face-to-face learning immediately on Monday 8 March to ensure there is no further disruption to learning.

Yours sincerely



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