

Rhyddings Business & Enterprise School - Returning to school in September

Section1 - Keeping pupils safe

Keeping pupils, staff and visitors safe when schools fully open in September remains our priority. As a result, we have followed the Government and Public Health England advice rigorously and amended our operations accordingly with every released update.

From September the guidance has changed on the requirements of group size, social distancing, school transport, and school operations. However, we continue to follow the essentials:

- regular handwashing/sanitising
- Catch it, bin it, kill it
- Reducing social contact where possible or
- Limiting this within year group bubbles

General daily operation of our school is designed to reduce contacts as much as possible and must include:

- grouping children together
- avoiding contact between groups
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible

Therefore, our school will do the following:

- Each year group will be classed as a bubble. In year 7-9 this will be each individual year group. At KS4 this will be both year 10 and 11.
- Each bubble will travel on buses provided for their year group (LCC to confirm)
- The school will operate a staggered time of arrival/departure for each bubble
- The school will be zoned to accommodate each bubble and maintain separation
- One-way systems will operate
- Pupil movement at KS3 will be reduced by classes remaining in a specific teaching areas
- Any movement to specialist teaching areas will be closely supervised

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- Each bubble will have staggered break and lunchtimes

Operating in this way we can maintain the social separation of each year group bubble

- Enhanced hygiene systems and routines will operate throughout school

Area of operation	What the guidance says?	How we reduce the risks?
Covid prevention	<p>minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school</p> <p>wash hands thoroughly more often than usual</p> <p>ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach</p> <p>introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach</p> <p>minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible</p> <p>where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The measures outlined below minimise contact and follow enhanced hygiene routines • PPE will be available in school for those required to wear it (Staff First Aiders)

<p>Transport</p>	<p>Dedicated school transport is exempt from the measures that apply to public transport.</p> <p>Pupils on dedicated school services do not mix with the general public on those journeys and tend to be consistent. This means that the advice for passengers on public transport to adopt a social distance of two metres from people outside their household or support bubble, or a 'one metre plus' approach where this is not possible, will not apply from the autumn term on dedicated transport.</p> <p>staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school.</p> <p>It is now the law that children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport. This law does not apply to dedicated school transport. However, we recommend that local authorities advise people aged 11 and over to wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary school or college from the start of the autumn term. *See Government rationale below</p>	<p>LCC will ensure Bus operators adhere to strict codes of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCC Transport have issued guidance to all operators, schools and parents/carers • Separate busses for each year bubble: 7, 8, 9, 10/11. • Bus pick-ups as near to homes as possible along routes • Punctual arrival/departure to make staggered start/finish possible/effective • Cleaning as agreed with bus companies after journeys, unless the same busses are used all the time for each bubble. • Robust pupil conduct contract in place and implemented • Pupils who choose to wear facemasks on the school bus should remove them on arrival to school • Pupils are advised to travel with their own pocket hand-sanitisers • Handwashing will take place on entry to school immediately following the journey
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<p>School day/ Timings/ organisation</p>	<p>Reduce contact between the bubbles</p> <p>When timetabling, groups should be kept apart and movement around the school site kept to a minimum. While passing briefly in the corridor or playground is low risk, schools should avoid creating busy corridors, entrances and exits. Schools should also consider staggered break times and lunch times (and time for cleaning surfaces in the dining hall between groups).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate arrival and departure times for each group • Year group bubbles timetables/lessons with staggered breaks and lunches • School zoned for each bubble • One-way systems in place • Pupil movement limited to a single bubble at any given time • Longer sessions to reduce the need to move • Pupils to remain 2m away from staff • Staff assigned to work with a specific bubble each day and only that bubble • Staff to avoid gathering in groups where social distancing cannot be maintained • Allocate zoned staffrooms to reduce daily contacts
<p>Uniform and equipment</p>	<p>All schools to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.</p> <p>Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.</p> <p>For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, it is recommended that staff and pupils limit the amount of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full school uniform for all pupils in September • Pupils require a school bag to carry their own essential equipment • Pupils will need pens, pencils, ruler, calculator as a minimum • If work packs need to be loaned the pupil must wipe down the equipment borrowed before returning it • Pack lunches are permitted but can only be consumed in the dining room at break/lunch • Mobile phones - Our policy remains the same; they should be switched off and out of sight (in a bag or blazer pocket) at all times

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	equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books, stationery and mobile phones. Bags are allowed. Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, have their own items that are not shared.	
Enhanced hygiene	<p>Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser. Schools must ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.</p> <p>Most staff in education, childcare and children's social care settings will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work, even if they are not always able to maintain a distance of 2 metres from others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwashing/sanitising will be done on entry to the building, classrooms, before and after both break and lunchtimes • Hygiene stations are placed throughout the school in addition to the WC facilities • Where possible windows will be opened • Engie (premises management team) will undertake routine cleaning throughout the day and at the end of each day <p>PPE will be available in school for those required to wear it (eg staff first aiders)</p>
Attendance	School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no reason for your child not to return to school in September unless they are following clinical advice where you must inform school and provide evidence • If your child is unwell follow the normal procedures to notify school • If your child, or any member of the household become unwell with symptoms of Covid you

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		<p>must notify school, get tested and follow PHE guidance incl. Track and Trace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/carers can be fined for non-attendance of their child without legitimate medical evidence
Remote education	<p>Remote education, where needed aligns as closely as possible with in-school provision: schools and other settings continue to build their capability to educate pupils remotely, where this is needed.</p>	<p>in the event of a local lockdown or confirmed cases of Covid that requires a bubble to self-isolate we will continue to set remote learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work set online via our website and MS Teams • Live face to face form group tutorials • Live lessons • Assignments for home learning • Pupil and parental responsibility to ensure all work set is completed and to a good standard
Catering	<p>We expect that kitchens will be fully open from the start of the autumn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kitchen will provide a range of meals for pupils • Pupils may bring in their own packed lunch • Pupils should have a refillable water bottle (canned, fizzy and energy are banned items) which can be filled from the water dispensers in each canteen
Covid management	<p>Response to any infection engage with the NHS Test and Trace process</p> <p>manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For any member of our community displaying symptoms of Covid they must be tested • We will contact PHE and follow their advice • We will inform all members of the Bubble on what actions to take. • It may be necessary to close school to the bubble • Remote learning will be assigned

	contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice	
Practical subjects eg Technology, PE	<p>Pupils should be kept in consistent groups, sports/tech equipment thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups, and contact sports avoided.</p> <p>Outdoor sports should be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every subject area will have an individual risk assessment and control measures in place • The changing rooms will be wiped down after each use along with any equipment used • The PE curriculum will be largely delivered outside and activities chosen to reduce physical contact • We will use the large specialist indoor and outdoor PE facilities • The Fitness room and associated equipment will not be used at this time • Some lessons will be classroom based theory sessions

*Government transport guidance rationale

We believe this is an appropriate balance, because:

- the overall risk to children and young people of serious illness as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low
- they do not mix with the general public on those journeys
- home to school transport often carries the same group of children and young people on a regular basis, and they may also be together in school or college
- the predictability of home to school transport will allow for planning so that protective measures can be put in place

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020>

Face coverings in school:

Whilst many schools will have a policy of no face coverings in school (In accordance with government guidance) we will initially allow them to be worn at the discretion of individuals. However, the following will apply:

Face masks must:

- cover both nose and mouth
- not be allowed to dangle around the neck
- not be touched once put on, except when carefully removed before disposal
- be changed when they become moist or damaged
- be worn once (if disposable type) and then discarded - hands must be cleaned after disposal
- not include any designs or wording on a face covering that we deem to be inappropriate

Pupils who have elected to wear a face covering will be instructed:

- Not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them on arrival at school;
- Reusable face coverings must be placed in a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them and stowed in a safe place such as a school bag to be taken home;
- Those removing face coverings are required to wash or sanitise their hands immediately after removing it;
- A bin is in place for non-reusable face coverings on arrival at the school grounds and corridors within school (not classroom bins);
- The contents of the bin will be disposed of as normal domestic waste unless the wearer has symptoms of Covid-19 in which case it will be disposed of in line with the [guidance on cleaning for non-healthcare settings](#);
- A pupil can be instructed by a member of staff to remove a face covering or prohibit them from wearing one

This is subject to review by the Headteacher

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