



HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Return to school from Monday 8th March 2020.

As you are aware, schools will be fully re-opening for pupils from Monday 8th March with a phased return to the secondary phase to accommodate asymptomatic testing of all pupils and staff using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs). The phased return is to enable the school to test pupils and to ensure that every opportunity is taken to safeguard the health and well-being of our school and wider community.

As always, the school is responding to advice and operational guidance from the Department of Education (DfE).

Whilst pupil LFD testing is not compulsory, we are encouraging all families to support pupil testing in line with government expectations and approaches to removing Covid- 19 from our communities and country. Consent forms (if they have not already been completed) can be found at the link below). Further information regarding the Lateral Flow Testing will be sent in a separate letter.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aFUN4dleKk6H9P9hg1wuidcjNjhrKXROqAH_Y5RVn-tIUNzEzMVRBQTRMTIdYRUVLVfk1VIFUQIBSMS4u

To facilitate testing in school, the school will follow a phased reopening as set out below,

Monday 8 th March	Y11 students
Tuesday 9 th March	Y10 & Y11 students
Wednesday 10 th March	Y7, Y10 & Y11 students
Thursday 11 th March	Y8, Y7, Y10 & Y11 students
Friday 12 th March	All students

Students must attend school at the normal time through their allocated entrance, and in full school uniform. Remote learning will continue for students until their year group returns to school. Those pupils who have been attending currently can continue to do so.

The updated DfE guidance for schools returning in March 2021 was published on 22nd February and is available [here](#) and further guidance for parents [here](#).

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When Holy Trinity opens fully, we will be providing a full curriculum with no reduction in teaching time. We have carried out detailed risk assessments and have put in place all measures expected of us to keep the Holy Trinity community safe. The guidance, in most parts, remains the same as our return to school in September and our risk assessment reflects this.

Staggered starts and ends to the school day

One of the key features of the guidance is that students must be kept separate from other 'bubbles'. Each year group in the secondary phase will become a 'bubble'. To ensure that 'bubbles' do not mix we will have a staggered start to the school day and enter via specific entrances. These remain the same as before the Christmas break. (Please see school day information attached)

Travelling to School

The government is discouraging students from travelling to school via public transport unless this is absolutely necessary. Parents should take all possible steps to minimise the use of public transport and, if it is unavoidable, emphasise the use masks as advised by the government. If possible, your child should walk to school or cycle.

We ask that parents help us by ensuring that their children respect the social distancing measures recommended by the government. They should set off at an appropriate time and not travel into school with students outside their household. If walking into school or using public transport they must not travel with students from other 'bubbles'.

If parents are accompanying students into school, they too must respect our social distancing measures and must not enter the school premises.

Attendance

Our expectation is that every child returns to school. The Government has made clear that attendance will be mandatory for all students. This means all children are expected to return to school.

Group Organisation and Social Distancing

The government guidance states that in order to limit the spread of infection students should remain in 'bubbles'. This means that they should have contact with a limited, defined group of students at all times. Each year group will remain separated throughout the school day so that we can maintain social distancing and can limit the spread of infection. They will be taught in separate, specified areas of the building and use separate toilets and wash facilities.

Lunchtime and end of the school day will also be staggered. Although the amount of movement around the building will be limited, one way systems will be in place and students will have designated areas for lunchtime.

In classrooms students will have a designated seat. They will line up 2 metres apart and must continue to maintain this during social time. They must remain in their seats when in class. Students are now required to wear a mask at all times whilst inside the school building, including in the classroom.

Hygiene

Routines will be in place in school to ensure that students wash/sanitise their hands regularly. This includes washing/sanitising their hands before entering classrooms and before leaving school. Please ensure that your child washes their hands as they leave home and again when they return home. Students should change out of their uniform when they return home.

In line with Government advice, students must wear facemasks whilst in the school building. Please contact info@holytrinitybarnsley.org if your child is unable to wear a mask, so that we can provide an exemption lanyard.

Students will remain in year group 'bubbles' and will work predominantly in their own classrooms.

Doors and windows will be kept open in classrooms.

Cleaners will be in school wiping surfaces and equipment throughout the day. Teachers will also have cleaning resources in their classrooms.

Students will not share equipment or resources. Your child should bring basic equipment (school bag, pen, pencil, rubber, scientific calculator, planner, whiteboard, and reading book). A seating plan will be in place to ensure that students always sit at the same desk. It is essential that students stick to the seating plans. They should keep all their equipment on the designated desk. Coats must be placed on the backs of chairs and bags must be placed on the floor, not on desks.

If your child becomes ill.

Please do not send your child to school if they present any of the symptoms of Coronavirus; that is if they develop a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or have a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus whilst in school, they will be taken to main reception and you will be informed immediately and asked to come and collect him/her. Where possible, your child will be supervised from a 2 metre distance. However, please be reassured that if he/she is distressed or requires close supervision and physical contact, the supervising adult will give that support, wearing a face mask, disposable gloves and a disposable apron to protect themselves.

Your child will then need to self-isolate for 10 days and all other members of the household should isolate for 10 days.

Where the child tests negative, they can return to school and fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child tests positive, the rest of their group will be sent home and to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

If a staff member develops symptoms, they will follow the same procedure as students who develop symptoms.

School expectations

It is now more important than ever that students comply with school expectations. We will have new guidance in place about social distancing, appropriate behaviour, movement around the building etc. Many students will be anxious about returning and it is important that they and our staff and parents can feel confident that we will do our utmost to keep them safe. Therefore, we will not tolerate any divergence from our expectations and I trust that all students will comply.

Uniform

Students should wear full school uniform at all times, including the correct footwear (please check the school website for uniform requirements). On the days when students have PE they should come to school in their school PE kit.

Lunch

Lunchtimes will be staggered and students will be required to remain in designated areas. Students will be able to purchase food from the school kitchen. School lunches must be paid for using our online payment system, no cash will be accepted. Please see the instructions on our website for more information on how to do this. If you have any queries please email jcawston@holytrinitybarnsley.org. Students must bring a water bottle in order to reduce the risk of infection through the use of water fountains.

Pastoral Care

Staff will be alert to any worries that students may have. Staff will be available to support students throughout the day and we encourage students to come and talk to us about any concerns they are having. If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact the student support office.

Communication with members of staff

If you wish to contact a member of staff, you should do so via telephone (01226 704550), email (info@holytrinitybarnsley.org) or text message (01226 610168). You will not be able to come into school to speak to staff.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Oldcorn
Acting Headteacher

Holy Trinity School Day (Secondary) – March 2021

Starts and ends to the day will be staggered.

	Arrival	Depart	Entrance / Exit
Y7	8.45	3.00	Lower
Y8	9.00	3.15	Gate
Y9	8.45	3.00	Main
Y10	9.00	3.15	Lower
Y11	8.45	3.00	Gate