

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the summer break. If your child is anything like my son, they will be looking forward to trying to achieve an element of normality when they return to school. I appreciate that some students, and maybe parents will be anxious about returning, however I can assure you that we have continued to work over the summer holiday to ensure the health and safety of students and staff remains at the forefront of everything we do.

I have attached a copy of the information we shared in July, and I am happy to say that the plans are unchanged. Please take time to look through this document and discuss the detail again with your son/daughter. It is vitally important that all students know how we will support them, but also understand what is expected of them in terms of timings of the day, behaviour, travel to and from college, equipment, arrangements during social time etc.

Bus services

If travelling by bus, please encourage your son/daughter to sit with the same students from their half year group bubble (see below for Year 10 & 11) each time they travel. I appreciate that for their first journey to college Year 9 may not know which bubble they are in, so please ask them to sit with a friend, preferably someone in their tutor group. Sixth Form students should sit together.

We are still waiting to hear from Metro whether they have managed to secure additional services, if they do we will let you know. It may also be worth checking their website. Also, just a reminder that students must wear a face covering on all bus services.

<https://www.wymetro.com/schools/changes-to-school-services/service-changes-and-extra-services-from-september-2020/shelley-college/>

Face Coverings

I am sure you have seen or heard the ever-changing guidance regarding face coverings in school. With the local lockdown in Kirklees being lifted for our catchment area from Wednesday 2nd September, we have reviewed our position and are now *recommending* that pupils wear a mask in areas where it is difficult to maintain a safe social distance. This includes walking on corridors between lessons and in social areas. Face coverings however should not be worn in the classroom.



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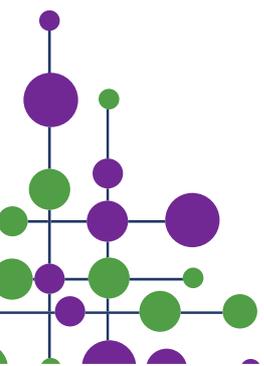
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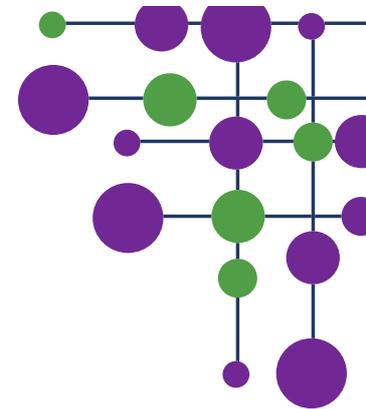
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If your son/daughter wears a face covering they must follow the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance. Please follow the link below. As they will be removing and putting on their mask when they enter and leave the classroom, they will not be able to wash their hands, however hand sanitizer must be used.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk



Lunchtime arrangements

A limited menu will be served to each bubble every day. Students will purchase and eat their food in their designated social/dining area. Each bubble will also be allocated additional classrooms during lunch, students bringing a packed lunch will use these rooms.

Arrangements for the first day back at college

The attached planning document contains arrival and departure information for each year group. For the plans work it is important that students know which bubble they are in.

Year 9 will be given this information by their tutor when they arrive on Tuesday morning. The way we have set up this year group allows us to keep students in their tutor group without breaking their bubble.

Unfortunately, this is not possible for Year 10 or 11, therefore it is important that students are aware which bubble they are in before they arrive on Wednesday morning. They will be allocated to JK or LM, please check your emails &/or texts for this information.

When students arrive, they must go straight to the following areas:

Year 10JK – Year 10 social area
Year 10LM – Year 11 social area

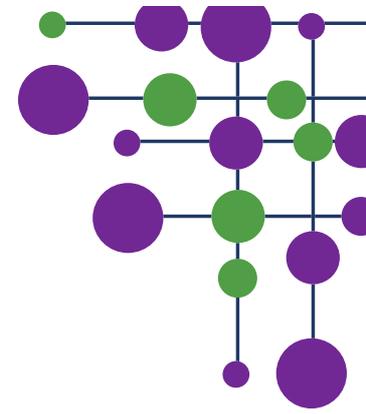
Year 11JK – Dining room
Year 11LM – Main/New Hall

Year 12 & 13 will be in their own bubble and should go to the Altitude building when they arrive on their first day. Mr Cowling will be writing a separate letter to Sixth Form parents/students with further information.

Expectations and support

Again, please refer to the attached documents for information about the changes to our behaviour (Commitment to Learning) policy and the support we can offer students when they return. The key points around behaviour are:

- To remain socially distant from others wherever possible;
- To maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene at all times;



- To remain in the seat allocated to them for the duration of all lessons;
- To remain in their allocated social space during breaks and lunchtimes;
- To continue to follow all current behavior expectations in the classroom and around school as outlined in the Commitment to Learning Handbook, Student Planner and SHARE MAT Secondary Behaviour Policy.
- Any student who intentionally spits, coughs, sneezes, or directs any bodily fluids toward another student, staff member or visitor is at risk of permanent exclusion.

Full uniform must be worn and our appearance and make up policy adhered to at all times.

The Department for Education have published the following guide for parents that you may find useful.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

I appreciate there is a lot to take in, however please find time to go through the key points with your son/daughter before they return. We all have a part to play in trying to reduce the spread of infection both in school and in society. It has been pleasing to see how positively the vast majority of people have responded over the last few months and we will continue to work with and educate our students to help them make the correct choices. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Year 9 admissions forms

Unfortunately, we still haven't received admission forms for some new Year 9 students. For safeguarding, health and safety and communication it is vitally important that we have this information for all students before they start with us on Tuesday 8th September. Please return any outstanding forms before Monday 7th September, if you haven't received one or need a replacement copy please contact us via mainoffice@sharemat.co.uk

Finally, if there is anything we can do to help with a smooth transition back to college, please let us know.

Please stay safe and enjoy the last few days of the holiday.

Regards

Dave Wadsworth

