

Year 10 and Lower Sixth Parental and Student Briefing for 15th June School Re-opening

All students must adhere to the guidelines as set out below.

Who should attend?

- Only 25% of Year 10 and Lower 6th students will be arriving on site during the day, as per government instructions and to allow for adequate social-distancing.
- Your son will be sent a timetable showing what days of the week he will be required to attend school and what the starting time will be for these lessons.
- Contact the School if your son will not be attending on his timetabled day by emailing absence@watfordboys.org
- You should inform the School if your son is clinically vulnerable, living with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable or self-isolating and therefore not able to attend. Please do so by contacting the School before the 15th June.
- No-one should attend the site if they are exhibiting the symptoms of coronavirus infection: a new, continuous cough, temperature of 37.8°C or greater, or a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.
- The School has updated its sickness policy. If a student develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, parents must come and collect him, and he is advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Other household members should self-isolate for 14 days. You should, however, have a test for the virus and inform the School of the results.
- For further information please follow the 'COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection' guidance.
- The School encourages you to register for the national test and trace programme.
- Parents are not allowed on site, unless there is an urgent need, and they have made a prior appointment with the School to attend the site. Anyone who attends without a prior appointment will not be allowed to enter the School.

Travel to School

- Year 10 students should arrive 20 minutes prior to the lesson's scheduled start. Year 12 students should arrive 10 minutes prior to the lesson's scheduled start.
- Students should only enter via the Shepherds Road entrance.
- Parents should consider how their sons arrive at the School. Please avoid any unnecessary travel on public transport where possible.
- If you are bringing your son to the School, they should be brought to the site by only a single member of the same household wherever possible to reduce transmission risks.
- Please avoid dropping off your son directly in Shepherds Road. They can be dropped off in Cassiobury Park Avenue and then walk to school. This will avoid congestion at the school entrance.
- Students should not congregate in large groups outside of the school gates or in the park. Any students seen disregarding social distancing in public (for example, by playing basketball in large groups in Cassiobury Park) will not be allowed to come into the School.

Queuing with Social Distancing

- All students should follow the guide path and enter the roped walkway, observing the two metre social distancing markings.
- The path will guide them through to the West gate and into the language assistants' area at the rear of 112.

Fever-Screening

- Students will enter past a fever-screening camera and anyone who displays a temperature of 37.8°C or greater will be isolated and parents will be asked to come and collect their son.
- On exiting the room, students must wash their hands using the additional outside hand washing stations and use a hand sanitiser station before going to their allocated teaching area.

Movement to Rooms

- Depending on their timetable allocation, Year 10 students should either go to the main school hall or the STEM centre and Lower 6th students to the Sixth Form Centre or Ec 1/Ec2 in the economics block.
- A one-way system will operate throughout each building, and students must follow this. Appropriate signage and floor markings designating 2m social distancing will be placed to assist students with social distancing.
- Students must stay within their identified group and allocated area for that day.
- Any latecomers should go to the West Gate, where they will be met and allowed entrance by a duty member of staff.

Handwashing

- Students should follow good respiratory hygiene practices. Additional hand sanitiser stations and wash basins will be available for students to use. It is recommended that they wash their hands using the approved “20 second” method on a frequent basis and at least as follows:
 - On arrival at school
 - After visiting the toilet
 - Returning the classroom after breaks
 - Before lunch time
 - Before leaving school
 - Any other time deemed necessary by staff.
- Hot air hand dryers will be turned off.

On-Site Behaviours

- Your son may wear a face mask if they want to, but it must be appropriate and it is important to remember to wash their hands before putting it on and after taking it off.
- Hand sanitiser, gloves, tissues and disinfectant spray will be available in all teaching rooms.
- Any students deliberately breaking social distancing rules will be given one warning, after which a repeated breach will lead to the student being sent home and not allowed back to school for the remainder of the summer term.
- In the event of a Fire Drill, all staff and students should proceed to the usual fire muster points, and social distancing should be maintained.

Breaks and lunchtime

- Break and lunch times will be staggered so that the different groups of students are not using the outdoor areas at the same time. There will be no use of the basketball nets, table tennis tables or ball sports in general during any breaks.
- The break and lunchtimes will be shorter than usual, and students must maintain social distancing at all times and avoid littering.
- All drinking water fountains will be turned off.

- The school will not reopen its canteen areas this term, so there will be no lunch provision for students. Parents should provide their sons with enough water for the duration of the day and a packed lunch. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive vouchers via Edenred.
- Toilet facilities will be monitored and operate a count in and count out arrangement to prevent overcrowding.

Equipment

- Students attending the school should not wear blazers, jackets or ties for the remainder of the summer term. We do expect regulation school trousers, shirts and shoes to be worn. Please avoid bringing large bags to school.
- Your son should wear clean clothes to school daily.
- Students must not share resources with each other.
- All boys should bring their own fully-charged device, exercise books, paper and stationery.