

Ensuring the school is safe for your child

We are following the most recent advice and guidance and doing our utmost to make the school as safe a place as it can be for both the students and the staff. This guidance changes and we will respond appropriately as the guidance changes.

From the Health and Safety Executive there is clear guidance that the school needs to

- carry out a thorough risk assessment
- develop cleaning, hand washing and hygiene procedures
- maintain 2 metres social distancing
- when two metres social distancing cannot be maintained, manage the risk of transmission

Therefore, at all times we will be reinforcing the advice and guidance with all staff and students that they should always be:

1. Washing their hands regularly preferably for at least 20 seconds, with running water and soap or if not with hand sanitiser.
2. Maintaining social distancing of two metres.
3. Trying whenever possible to not put their hands near their nose mouth or eyes.
4. Covering their mouth whenever coughing or sneezing, and using tissues to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.
5. If anybody has any symptoms then they should not come to school.

There are a number of steps we have taken to make the school as safe as possible. These are listed below and a copy of the most recent guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>. A copy of the schools full risk assessment can be found on our website or by following <https://alns.co.uk/coronavirus/>

Actions taken and changes made to minimise risk and ensure safety:

A maximum of 50 year 10 students will be on site each day. Year 10 students will be kept separate from the other students attending Key Worker School.

- New outside taps, soap dispensers and paper towels have been fitted near the entrance to ensure that students thoroughly wash their hands upon arrival at school.



- Two new large open space marquees have been erected near the school

entrance and this is where year 10 students will gather in a socially distanced manner at the start of each day when they arrive at school to be briefed upon the day ahead .

- No parents are allowed to drop students off by car at the school entrances. Wherever possible students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school safely, or if they do need to be dropped off by parents then one of the local car parks near the school can be used for this. There is a public car park at the rear of Southsea Golf Club which is 300 metres from the school entrance.



- All classrooms have been rearranged so that they are socially distanced and students will be sat at least two metres apart from each other. This will mean students will be in much smaller class sizes of between 6 to 10 students depending upon the size of the room.
 - By changing the timetable to 4 have lessons of 1 1/4 hours with only one 45minute break we are limiting the number of times students have to move around the building.
- When students do have to move around the building this will be carefully supervised by staff who will release students one at a time from class in a socially distanced manner.
 - All student movement between classes will be via the outside balconies and stairs where it is safer moving around in the fresh air, and a one way system is being used on the balconies and stairs which will be clearly marked.
 - Outside spaces such as the field and the marquees will be used as often as possible so that students spend less time in enclosed spaces, and when in classrooms, doors and windows will be open as much as possible to allow for a flow of fresh air.
 - No food counter service will be available to prevent students from having to queue and using cutlery and other items that might be touched by others. **However, our food service Hamilton's will be providing all year 10 students with a free packed lunch including a drink.** No visitors are allowed on the school site, which includes parents. If it is necessary for someone to visit the site for an exceptional reason this will be arranged in advance and the meeting arranged outside of the hours when students are in the building.
 - All staff have received Health and Safety training including training on Infection control covering our new procedures so that there is consistency across the school and a good understanding of all the measures we have put in place.

- Around the school and in every classroom there are clearly displayed posters to be a constant reminder to both staff and students.
- No students or staff will be allowed to share equipment so it is essential that students have their own equipment as they will not be able to borrow this from other students.
- Different groups of students will have a specified toilet to use and this will be managed so that there is only one student in the toilet at a time.
- There are systems in place to ensure regular cleaning of all public areas throughout the day and within classes surfaces are cleaned at the start and end of each lesson.
- Students are not allowed to wear face masks as this is clear in the guidance to schools.
- If during the school day any student or member of staff develop any symptoms they will be immediately moved to a designated place and then in the case of students their parents will be contacted and they will be asked to collect their child. If this happens then they should immediately seek to be tested and before they return to school we will need to see evidence of a negative test result. If the test result is positive, the school will follow the PHE advice and the requirements of the Test, Trach, Trace government guidance.



We are going to be really explicit with students about our expectations with; hand washing, hygiene, maintaining social distance and following procedures which are in place to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

We will constantly reinforce the procedures to help students become used to the changes but if students are deliberately putting others at risk through their actions and are refusing to do the basics like maintaining social distancing then we will not be able to have them in the school building and we will inform the parents of this.