

Dear parents, carers and students,

It has been so lovely to see so many of our students this week – on site for their face-to-face sessions with form tutors, in Year 10 and 12 sessions and in our key worker provision and of course, in the virtual world where students have performed in our Summer Concert and sports days. What a wonderful group of students we have! What talent! And what positivity!

Following on from my letter last week I can now provide even further information about our arrangements for September. To summarise; we will run a staggered return to school so that by the end of week one, all students will be on site, full time and attending lessons. Students will return in full school uniform. To ensure safety measures are in place, we will be running a slightly staggered start and end to the school day which will be in place until further notice.

Final arrangements, including form group details will be communicated on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Our Return to School Plan:**

The table below outlines the return to school plans.

<b>Monday 7</b>	<b>Tuesday 8</b>	<b>Wednesday 9</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>
Year 12 Induction Day	Year 7 start school	Years 7 and 11 in school	Years 7,8 and 11 in school	Years 7,8,9 and 11 in school
	Year 11 return to school	Year 8 return to school	Year 9 return to school	Year 10 return to school
			Lessons begin for Years 12 and 13	Lessons for Years 12 and 13

We are staggering the return to school so that each year group is given ample time to learn about our new safety arrangements, familiarise themselves with their learning zone and lunch/break arrangements.

### **Our Staggered Start and End to the School Day:**

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Yrs 12 and 13</b>
<b>START</b>	8.25 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	8.50 a.m.	8.40 a.m.	8.35 a.m.	As per their timetable
<b>FINISH</b>	2.45 p.m.	2.40 p.m.	2.35 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	2.50 OR 3.30 p.m. if attending Period 7	

We are staggering the start of the school day so that we can ensure that when students arrive on site they wash their hands before entering their learning zone. Our staggered start also reduces the crossing between year group bubbles.

Students who catch the school bus will be accommodated in their learning zone until they can either join their form group in period one, or in the case of year eight, their subject lesson in period two at 9 a.m. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate other students who arrive on site early, and we thank you in advance for your support in this.

Students in Year 11 will be in Intervention Groups from 8.35 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. focussing on one of the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography or Languages. From Monday

14<sup>th</sup> September Year 11 will be invited to attend Period 7, (additional intervention in all subjects), from 2.50 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

We will of course review this approach in line with any changes to government guidance.

### **Arrangements for Break/Lunch**

To reduce movement around the school, ensure handwashing and to avoid queues we have had to put the following measures in place in relation to before school, break and lunchtime.

- There will be no breakfast provision in the main hall
- Break will take place in classrooms, students will be able to bring snacks/drinks but they will not be able to buy things from our catering team at break time. (Fizzy drinks remain banned).
- Lunch will last for 30 minutes, and each year group will have a designated lunch break, so that they can safely use the dining area and outside space allocated to them. A reduced meal service will be provided, and the arrangements for this will be shared with you in my letter on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Transport**

We recognise that many students will be travelling to school on the school bus service, and that even though current guidance is that where possible alternative travel arrangements are made, that for some families this will be impossible. The current guidance in relation to school buses is as follows:

- The school bus times and routes will operate as normal;
- Students will not travel to school in their own “bubble”;
- Students will sanitise their hands on entry and exit from the bus;
- Students will not be expected to socially distance on the school bus;
- Students will be expected to wear a face covering whilst travelling on any school bus or public transport.

### ***And finally...***

This week's Friday Five go to all the home-educators out there – it's time now to stand away from your virtual classrooms and reflect on the amazing job that you have done in supporting your child and the school. Thank you!

However you are spending the summer, I hope that you have time to relax and as always thank you for making me be so very proud to be a member of “Team Sherburn.”

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley  
Headteacher