

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WIDER OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR YEARS 10 AND 12

Why are group sizes up to 15 students?

Government guidance in relation to the wider opening of schools allows for groups of up to 15 students in a learning bubble. The dedicated teaching spaces chosen enable us to have groups of this size and maintain social distancing.

If student numbers are less than 15 for any learning group, we will not collapse the group, instead we will run the group with smaller group sizes. This means we can have learning bubbles linked to current maths/science teaching groups.

Why are students only being invited for two hours at a time?

Guidance is clear, face-to-face provision is to “supplement remote learning which will remain the dominant provision” for all year groups for this half term. Therefore, students will continue to be set remote learning for ALL subjects, including the subjects they will receive face-to-face tuition in.

At this moment in time, we are unable to provide social-distanced provision for break and lunchtime and this is another factor in determining our offer.

We also want to provide face-to-face provision for students in Years 10 **and** 12 – in order to do this (following government regulations about the number of students on site at any given time) and sustain provision for our vulnerable/key worker students, we are only able to offer two hour blocks of provision.

Our curriculum offer for Year 10 is in line with that being offered by our partner secondary school, Tadcaster Grammar School.

Why aren't the sessions organised around the school bus timetable?

Guidance states that people, including school students, should avoid travelling on public transport. Instead they should walk, cycle or travel in private cars. This is to allow for social distancing on public transport and prioritise school buses for the children of key workers and vulnerable families.

I can't bring my child to school – will I be at risk of a fine for poor attendance?

The government have suspended all fines and prosecutions in relation to attendance. We understand that for some families due to health reasons or personal reasons it is simply not possible to send your child to school at this moment in time.

Can my child wear a face mask when they are in school?

Current guidance is that students and staff in education settings do not require face masks (unless for first aid reasons). However, if there are any students who wish to wear a face mask or gloves, they may do so.

Will students be in a group with their friends?

Learning groups are being organised using current science and maths groups – this is to ensure appropriate guided learning sessions, where possible, delivered by existing class teachers. This is to support learning and may therefore not be linked to current friendship groups.

Once allocated to a learning group students will not be able to change their group; this is to ensure the health and safety of all.

What is the school going to do support students catching up with lost learning?

Exam boards and Ofqual are working with teaching unions to determine the shape of examinations next year. Once decisions have been made, we will reorganise our curriculum, arrange intervention and do whatever we can to support our learners.

My child is in Year 9, in normal circumstances they would roll up to Year 10 this half term, does this apply now?

No – rollover does not apply this academic year.

When will the school's Risk Assessment and Updated Behaviour Policy be available for parents/carers?

The school's Risk Assessment is due to be reviewed by the MAT Trustees on Thursday 11th June. Following this meeting our Risk Assessment will be published on our website.

The school's updated Behaviour Policy will be sent home to families, along with details of your child's learning group on Wednesday 10th June. The policy includes information about the steps the school will take if a child or member of staff presents with coronavirus symptoms, equipment and submission of work.