



# Return to School – September 2020

All pupils are expected to attend school as normal from September. We appreciate that there will be a level of anxiety for many families, but we have put a range of measures in place to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus and making the school as safe as we possibly can.

There will be a phased return to school:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Years 7, 8 and 12 return to school.**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Years 9 and 10 return to school, along with Years 7, 8 and 12.**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – All year groups in school.**

School will operate normal school timings, starting at 8.40a.m. and finishing at 3.00p.m. We will be modifying timings during the day to accommodate some of the control measures we are putting in place but will essentially be running a normal school day. We have modified the arrangements for lunchtime to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to access some hot food:

Year 7 - Canteen access (full service) at 12.35pm

Year 8 - Canteen access (full service) at 1.00pm

Year 9 - Canteen access at breaktime with option to pick up for lunchtime or take an early hot option.

Year 10 - Grab and go with some hot options based in the Sports Hall at 12.35pm

Year 11 - Grab and go with some hot options based in the Sports Hall at 1.00pm

Sixth Form - Snack bar access.

There will be no option to pay with cash and the use of the biometric system at the till points will be suspended. Canteen staff will look up pupils on the system to process payments (pupils receiving free school meals will have their normal daily allocation). The use of the online system to add money to accounts for pupils who pay for school lunches is strongly recommended. More information is available on the school website:

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/online-payments>

Pupils will be expected to take responsibility for making their own way to school. Any parents/carers collecting children from school will need to arrange to meet their child from the designated pick up point. This will be the path/grassed area adjacent to the school, which is normally used as a fire evacuation assembly point, or parents/carers should remain in cars and park safely at a pre-arranged pick-up point. As far as possible, we would recommend that the use of public transport is avoided. Where it is necessary, it is important to be aware of the current rules and restrictions on bus services and the impact of this on timetables. A face covering must be worn on public transport; this is a covering of any type which covers the nose and mouth. It is important to wash or sanitise hands before and after touching a face covering.



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From September, a series of control measures will be in place within school and these must be adhered to.

- A clear set of behaviour expectations are enclosed with this letter. These have been drawn up to ensure that all members of the school community can work safely. It is important that both parents/carers and pupils take time to read and understand these expectations – attendance at school will be taken as an acceptance of these behaviour expectations.
- Pupils need to arrive from 8.25a.m. onwards and will be asked to wash their hands as they enter the building via a designated entry point:
  - Year 7 – Main entrance adjacent to reception, following the pathway line along the building and entry into main building using doors under the covered walkway.
  - Year 8 - Pedestrian Gate on Birmingham Street, following contractor’s fence line into the two storey Tonks’ building, entering at the rear of S7/S8.
  - Year 9 – Entrance on Springhill Road (Caretaker’s Gate) then path towards the main building accessing temporary mobile classrooms or via the rear of the gym for access to rooms 7, 8, 9 and 11.
  - Year 10 – Entrance (Grove-side) on Birmingham Street.
  - Year 11 – Entrance on Grove Terrace
  - Sixth Form – Gates adjacent to Vera Fenn building.
- Pupils will need to maintain social distancing as far as possible.
- All classrooms will be set up with desks in rows with pupils sitting facing the front of the classroom, to reduce the amount of face to face contact between pupils.
- Practical activities will be limited initially, while we establish clear routines for operating safely.
- Year groups will be taught in “bubbles” and will be allocated to a specific area of the school.
- The movement of pupils within the building is controlled to minimise contact between pupils.
- All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned before being used each day.

## Uniform

Uniform is something upon which we pride ourselves. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform, with the Blue Coat badge. If buying new shoes for your child this summer, please ensure they are plain black with no logos and definitely no training shoes. Nose studs and other facial piercings are not to be worn. All pupils must be in full uniform for the start of the new term. Should you have any queries regarding the uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school before the end of term. I appreciate all of your support in ensuring pupils adhere to our uniform policy.

## Collection of Exam Results

Years 12 and 13 – A Level results will be available on Thursday 13th August 2020 at 8.00am.

Year 11 – GCSE results can be collected on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 9.00am.

Control measures will be in place, including asking all pupils to wash their hands as they enter the building and controlling the flow of pupils as they arrive to pick up results, including operating a one-way system. Please collect all results from the main hall.

**Please check the school website regularly for updates and information:**

**[www.bluecoatacademy.org](http://www.bluecoatacademy.org).**