

19th August 2020

Dear Families,

Re: A huge welcome to year 7 and September 2020 reopening information for all year groups

Firstly, I would like to say a huge welcome to our new year 7 students and their families! Everybody at Burton Borough School is looking forward to meeting you and our staff have enjoyed communicating with you over social media and email. It has been wonderful hearing how excited you are to join us!

To all of our families, I hope you have been keeping well and have managed to take some well-deserved time for yourself over the summer break. I know that there will be some families who have had a very difficult time during lockdown so please do let us know if there is anything we can do to support you and your child through the survey we are providing along with this documentation on our September 2020 opening. School is going to be a little different compared to previous years!

We would be very grateful if you could please read Version 6 of the September 2020 Re-opening guidance carefully before responding to the survey.

It is important to note that this document may be updated again before school opens in September should guidance from the government change again.

Main points to highlight the document includes the following:

- **Attendance is mandatory for all year groups** in September 2020. All students must come to school.
- **Full uniform must be worn** (blazers and ties included)
- **Face masks will be allowed** (any colour as long as the print on reusable masks are appropriate. Disposable masks may also be used).
- **If your child develops any COVID-19 symptoms (continuous cough, temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste), they must not come to school and self-isolate for **10 days**.** If anyone in the household develops symptoms, your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Students will be in '**year group bubbles**' where contact with other year groups will be kept to a minimum wherever possible.
- **Tutor groups will be in year groups** instead of mixed year groups as they currently are. This may mean a change of tutor. This information will follow.
- **Staggered start and finish times** for each year group will ease any over-crowding of students at the beginning and end of each day. Please see section 'The School Day'.
- As many lessons as possible will be **double lessons**, to minimize movement around the school.
- **Stringent hygiene and cleaning procedures** will and must be followed. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be on the wall outside each classroom and students/staff will need to use this before entering. Tables and equipment will also need to be disinfected after every lesson.
- **All students must bring a packed lunch to school.** The canteen will not be open as it is too small for the number of students who use it daily. There will be five kiosks, one for each year group, on site serving cold food such as sandwiches for those who may have forgotten their lunch. No hot food will be served.
- **The use of MS Teams in physical lessons will take place where appropriate/possible** so that any students who are self-isolating are part of the lesson. Where appropriate, sessions will be recorded so that any student who falls ill can catch up at a later point. Instead of Teams, video/audio files of your child's teacher giving specialist instruction or handouts may be used instead.
- There will be a **full induction for every student on the first day back in September** so that they are familiar with the new procedures, including the new muster points during a fire evacuation.

As mentioned before, it is important to note that the current situation may change before we return in September. However, I will continue to update you on our plans as government guidance changes.

Once you have read the document carefully, we would be grateful if you could complete this survey to help us with further preparation:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K6ZWBKJ>

Many thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing your children on Thursday 3rd September!

With all good wishes,



Krissi Carter
Principal

