

## Frequently Asked Questions

Returning to School following lockdown

### **Does my child have to attend school?**

Yes, it is mandatory for all students to attend school from September 2020, unless Burton Borough is in an area of national intervention e.g. local lockdown. Further information on 'Tiers of Restriction' can be found in the reopening document.

### **Do we have to wear full uniform?**

Yes. Full uniform, including blazers and ties, must be worn each day.

### **Are students allowed to wear a mask/visor?**

Yes – in fact, we would encourage students to wear one at all times, including in the classroom. Government guidance states that it is not mandatory however, unless the school is in an area of national intervention (see reopening plan for more information).

### **As there are staggered starts for each year group, does my child have to wait outside school if they come to school with a sibling from another year group?**

No. When your child arrives to school, they may come onto the school site. They must go to the designated student zone for their year group.

### **If my child comes to school on the school bus, can they come on site when the bus arrives?**

Yes. Students on school buses can come onto site as soon as the school bus drops them off. They must then go to their designated zone.

### **At the end of the day, will my child be able to take the school bus if they have a later leaving time because of different finishing times?**

Yes. The bus will leave Burton Borough School at 3:45pm.

### **Can students meet their relatives/friends in other year group zones before school/during break and lunch times?**

No. Students must stay in their year group zone.

### **Can my child wait for their friend/sibling on school site at the end of the day?**

No. Please ask them to leave site or arrange a meeting place away from the school.

### **If my child usually goes through the Engage entrance, is this still possible?**

Yes. Temperature checks will be taken here and hand gel will be provided.

### **What happens if my child's temperature is high when their temperature is taken at the main gate?**

We will contact you as soon as possible and your child will have to be collected and taken home. You may request that they make their own way home. If your child needs to wait for you, they will be taken to the isolation room until you arrive.

### **What happens if a child (or adult who has been in contact with my child) gets tested positive for COVID-19?**

We will contact Public Health England / Local Health Protection Team for next steps. All families will be informed that there has been a case and we will let you know what we have been advised.

### **What happens if a child develops COVID-19 symptoms during the school day?**

Your child will be taken to the isolation room and you will be contacted as soon as possible to take them home. You may request that they make their own way home.

### **How will changing arrangements work in PE?**

Students will stay with year group bubble when changing for PE. All changing rooms and equipment will be disinfected after each group has used them. We have increased cleaning procedures in PE to allow for this to happen. The PE team will allow extra time where needed for students to change.

**What cleaning arrangements are there?**

We will have cleaners/site team cleaning touch points and the school site throughout the day. ULV fog machines will be used once a week at the weekend in addition.

**What are the details of the ULV fog machine and the disinfectant it uses?**

The machine is called the Zappitizer 22ltr Canister Hose and Gun Kit. Full details are available upon request/emailed with this FAQ sheet to families.

**Why is the canteen closed? Will students be able to purchase hot food in the future?**

The canteen is closed until further notice as it is too small and social distancing measures between year group bubbles would not be able to be maintained. We will keep reviewing the guidance and implement any changes. It is our intention that hot food will be served in the future.

**My child is in year 7 and has not had a chance to look around the school. How will they know where to go?**

Members of the senior leadership team will be at the main school gates and friendly staff will be available in the school grounds to direct your children to where they need to be. Their tutor will meet them in the year 7 zone and take them to their tutor room. Students with EHCPs should have had a tour before the first day of school.

**What emotional support will my child receive? They've had a tough time during lockdown.**

Small schools have worked with students and families during lockdown and will continue to do so and signpost students to the right places for personalised support. We will continue to work with families and students.

Small schools have also been made aware of any issues families notified us of in the survey sent out on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020. If your child needs to speak to anyone, please encourage them to speak to their tutor, small school or any other member of staff they feel comfortable speaking to. Support will be personalised to your child.

**My child/other family member has been shielding throughout lockdown. Does my child need to attend school?**

Yes. However, if you are particularly concerned, please contact your child's small school or tutor. We would also advise that your child wears a face mask/visor when they are in school at all times.