



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

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Good afternoon

I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Today marks the end of formal structured lessons for all students in Years 7-10. Next week will be activity week, which will provide students with four days of arts, sports, challenges, virtual trips and activities. Please encourage your child to continue to logging on to SMHK daily and fully engaging with this programme. Year 12 lessons will continue as planned on site next week.

I am sure that you are all looking forward to your well-earned summer holiday. The students and staff have worked so hard over the last few months and everyone deserves a well-earned rest. The good news is that all students and staff will return in September. I am delighted that Team CCHS will be back together. Apologies for the length of this correspondence but it is really important that I keep you up to date with the latest guidance and our plans for September.

On 2 July the Government published detailed guidance for the full opening of schools (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>), from the beginning of the Autumn Term. It is the Government's expectation that all students in all Year groups will return to full time school from September. The guidance lays out a set of actions school leaders should take to minimise the risk of transmission. As always our key priority in our planning will be the health and wellbeing of both students and staff.

We will, over the following weeks, provide a more detailed response to share with students and parents that takes into account all of the guidance. There is separate guidance for parents in relation to September (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>).

September will not be 'business as normal'; the guidance is clear that they do not expect this to happen until the Summer of 2021. Our fundamental principles are centred around the health and safety of staff and students, protecting the integrity of the curriculum offer and providing the best education within the parameters of the guidance.

The two key points that require detailed planning are:

- Each Year group will need to be a bubble and not mix with another bubble, including at break and lunch. They will be designated a specific teaching area, for example the classrooms in H block, an allocated break and lunch indoor and outdoor space including separate dining facilities and designated toilets. All Year groups will have a specific entry into the school and a staggered start and finish.

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- It will be staff, not students, who will move around the site to teach in different Year group bubbles.

Each Year group will have a bubble and will not mix with other year groups; in essence we are creating six mini schools within our site. Obviously there will still be a need for some students to change classrooms, but these will predominantly be within that Year group bubble. On any occasion when a subject-specific classroom is not located within a specific bubble, for example a subject specialist room like an IT room, students will be escorted once the rest of the students have completed movement in any designated bubble area and the room will not be used again until a deep clean has taken place or 72 hours have elapsed (in accordance with Government cleaning guidelines of specific teaching spaces).

The actual rooms for each class will be detailed on a student's timetable. Classrooms will be rearranged with desks in rows, as per the Government advice, and a seating plan will be in operation so your child sits at the same desk. Toilet and hand cleaning facilities will be used in each bubble area. There will be rigorous procedures in place to ensure that students clean their hands when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks and before and after eating.

There will be more frequent cleaning of rooms that are used by different groups within a bubble, as well as increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. At break and lunch, bubbles will not mix. Each bubble will have separate entrances and exits to both the school and their designated area of the school. They will be assigned indoor and outdoor spaces for breaks and lunchtime. Food will be available but will be served in each bubble.

Due to our extensive remote learning over the last few months, a full curriculum will be taught to all students. PE lessons are essential for the health and well-being of students. Therefore, all students who have practical PE lessons on their timetable will arrive to school on that day in CCHS PE kit and will, weather permitting, take part in a practical PE lesson. On that day they will need to bring two pairs of footwear.

We will be involved in the NHS Test and Trace system and swift action will be taken if required. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. Please continue to trust that we will continue to do everything to minimise risks in school.

Full school uniform will be worn by all main school students each day, other than on days when students have a timetabled practical PE lesson. Department for Education guidance states:

'We would, however, encourage all schools to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.'

Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.'

Therefore, it is essential that full school uniform must be worn in accordance with the uniform requirements. Key reminders would include only natural coloured hair and no facial piercings. Further guidance is available on the school website.

Face coverings will not be allowed in school as Public Health Advice does not recommend them.

Full attendance is expected for September; your child cannot afford to miss this invaluable time in their education. I assure you that we understand any concerns but I am confident we can reopen school safely.

To ensure exams and assessments next summer for Year 11 and 13 are as fair as possible, and take into account any public health requirements and the well-being of students, Ofqual (the Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation) are consulting on proposals for next year and will confirm its decisions as soon as possible to allow schools to prepare. We will inform you as soon as decisions are made.

This is obviously a logistical dilemma and one we are continuing to work on, and we will share with all parents our detailed plans over the coming weeks, in order that you feel reassured about your child's return in September and are aware of how our school will operate. It will require significant work to ensure our site and rooms are fit for purpose and I thank, in advance, all those staff who will support with this. This is an opportunity for us to once again demonstrate how Team CCHS rises to the challenge facing education and society; I know we can meet this challenge.

As always, rest assured that we will do everything to protect students and staff, comply with the guidance and provide the best education possible for our students.

Mr I Turnbull
Headteacher