

Information for Parents on School Reopening

Public Health Advice to Minimise Coronavirus Risks

Essential Measures

1. Do not come to school if you have Coronavirus (COVID 19 Symptoms)

Students or parents must not come into school if they have Coronavirus (COVID-19 symptoms)

These are

New and persistent cough

High temperature

A loss or a change in their sense of smell or taste

Anyone who develops these symptoms will be sent home immediately where they should self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to have a test. Other members of the household must isolate for 14 days.

If the test is positive they and their family must self-isolate. If the test is negative they can stop self-isolating and other members of the household can stop self-isolating.

All members of the school community must be prepared to do the following

- Book a test if they or their child is displaying symptoms.
- Provide details of anyone they or their child has been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus
- Self-Isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID -19) or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Inform school immediately if a test is positive

Useful links

[Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)
[If you need a test](#)

2. Face Coverings

We strongly recommend that students wear face coverings in communal areas especially when moving around school. It is optional for students to wear face coverings in classrooms. This is based on guidance from government and the director of Public Health in York. Face coverings should be worn correctly covering the mouth and the nose or not at all. Students will need to be responsible for their own face coverings and will need a clear and sealable plastic bag to store the mask in. If the face covering becomes damp it should not be worn.

Students should wash their hands/sanitise before removing the face covering and should not touch the front of their face.

Some students will not be able to wear a mask due to medical conditions such as Asthma. We strongly recommend the wearing of the sunflower hidden disability lanyards where this is the case.

3. Hand Hygiene

When students arrive at school they should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water at the external sinks that are at all entrances. We would expect students to arrive at least 5 minutes early as this process is essential. Before eating and after using the toilet students are expected to wash their hands with soap and water. If you are unable to wash your hands then use sanitiser. Every classroom has been fitted with a sanitiser dispenser and all students are expected to sanitise when entering a new classroom.

4. Good Respiratory Hygiene

Students are to follow catch it, bin it, kill it, guidance when coughing or sneezing.

A cough or sneeze should be caught by a tissue or a sleeve (not hands)

The tissue should be placed in the bin

Any germs should be killed through good hand hygiene

Face masks must be worn by students who travel on public transport

5. Enhanced Cleaning

Our cleaning contractors are working to an enhanced schedule with more staff present during the school day. All tables will be wiped down in between lessons. In IT rooms for example we will be using silicon keyboard covers that will be wiped down in between uses.

6. Minimise contact and maintain Social Distancing

Students are in year group bubbles and therefore will only socialise and mix with students in their year group.

The timetable for the day is at the end of this document and is designed to allow for staggered start times, break times, dinner times and finish times. The timetable below shows entrance points, where students will get food and where the recreational areas are.

In the Classroom

Students should bring their own equipment to school. This must include as a minimum a pen, pencil, ruler, pencil sharpener, rubber and a calculator. All students will be provided with a green and a purple pen to use when assessing work.

Any items used in a lesson will not be used by another year group for 48 hours or it will be cleaned before been used again. Teachers are strongly advised to remain at the front of the class and to retain a 2 metre social distance from students.

All classrooms will be arranged so that students are not sat facing each other.

Out of the Classroom

Students should follow the one way system around school at all times. Whilst the government guidance is not specific we recommend that students maintain a 1 metre plus distance wherever possible.

Arrive and Leaving School

Students should arrive punctually to school and where possible by bike or by walking. If they are been dropped off by parents please can we ask that parents do not leave the car. If students from different households are arriving in the same car they should wear a face covering in the car.

Attendance

The guidance is clear that from September school is not optional. We will do everything we can to reassure those who are anxious how important it is that they return to school. As a school good attendance lies at the heart of our recovery curriculum and we will continue to follow the mantra

“Never has good attendance been so important”

Please contact Mr Louth at j.louth@yorkhigh.southbank.academy if you have any questions.

Catering

Students will be able to purchase hot and cold food through our usual systems. To allow for as little contact as possible if you are buying a school dinner please use [parent pay](#). We will use our biometric system but students will be expected to sanitise before use. For all students there is the option to bring a packed lunch. Lunchtimes are in Year group bubbles and the seating has been rearranged to reduce face to face seating wherever possible.

Uniform

School uniform will be worn as normal and standards about piercings and hair colour will return to our pre COVID 19 high standards. The guidance states that “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. This is a time when many are suffering economic hardship please contact your Head of House through the reception@yorkhigh.southbank.academy email to see if we can help.

After School Activities

Unfortunately we are unable to offer the full range of after school activities at the moment. We will be offering a Breakfast club from 8am every morning from 14th September, where year groups will be seated apart. We will be offering a homework club to Year 7 only after school. Year 11's will be offered interventions and the revision club 3 to 5 every night after school.

Behaviour Expectations

We believe that the best way to welcome back our students is to quickly re-establish our high standards and consistent routines across the school. York High school has made significant improvements over the last three years and we must not let our standards fall. We will continue to use the planner based system with modifications and our rewards system. Sanctions such as detentions and Internal Exclusion will still be in place where different year groups will be kept socially distanced.

Pupil Well Being and Support

We continue to have an excellent support team of Heads of House, School Counsellor, Pupil Welfare Officer, Restorative Practitioner and Attendance Officer. As well as the support provided by this team we have engaged an extra counsellor to support our students.

Curriculum

We remain committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum at YHS and we will continue to offer all subjects. Some practical subjects will have to be modified. For example in PE students will partake in low impact activities in their school uniform.

7	8	9	10	11
8:40am Pupil Ent 2	8:45am Arrival Energise Entrance	8:50am Arrival Pupil Entrance 1	8:55am Arrival Energise Entrance	9:00am Arrival Pupil entrance 2
Lesson 1 8:40 - 9:50am	Lesson 1 8:45 - 9:50am	Lesson 1 8:50 - 9:50am	Lesson 1 8:55 - 9:50am	Lesson 1 9:00 - 9:50am
Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:45am	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:45am	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:45am	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:45am	Lesson 2 9:50 - 10:45am
Break - Dining Room (Astro) 10:45 - 11:05am	Tutor Group 10:45 - 11:05am	Break - Cafe (Playground) 10:45 - 11:05am	Tutor Group 10:45 - 11:05am	Break - PA area (PA Playground) 10:45 - 11:05am
Tutor Group 11:05 - 11:25am	Break Dining Room (Astro) 11:05 - 11:25am	Tutor Group 11:05 - 11:25am	Break - Cafe (Playground) 11:05 - 11:25am	Tutor Group 11:05 - 11:25am
Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25pm	Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25pm	Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25pm	Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25pm	Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25pm
Lunch - Dining Room (Astro) 12:25 - 12:55pm	Lesson 4 12:25 - 1:25pm	Lunch - Café (Playground) 12:25 - 12:55pm	Lesson 4 12:25 - 1:25pm	Lesson 4 12:25 - 12:55pm
Lesson 4 12:55 - 1:55pm	Lunch - Dining Room (Astro) 1:25 - 1:55pm	Lesson 4 12:55 - 1:55pm	Lunch - Cafe (Playground) 1:25 - 1:55pm	Lunch - Dining Room (All areas) 12:55 - 1:25pm
Lesson 5 1:55 - 2:55pm	Lesson 5 1:55 - 3:00pm	Lesson 5 1:55 - 3:05pm	Lesson 5 1:55 - 3:10pm	Lesson 5 1:55 - 3:15pm
Leave 2:55pm	Leave 3:00pm	Leave 3:05pm	Leave 3:10pm	Leave 3:15pm