

# Q&A Sheet for Years 10 and 12

## **If my child is in Years 10 or 12, should they attend school from Monday 15 June?**

No. There are very strict guidelines which the school must follow to ensure that any staff and students coming onto the school site are safe. Therefore, students must only attend school on the days they have been specifically allocated.

## **Is my child expected to attend school on days when they have been allocated a place?**

We wish to give all students in Years 10 and 12 the opportunity for some face-to-face teaching this term. If your child is unable to attend a session they are invited to, please can you contact the 'Attendance Absence' line in the normal way, stating the reason. Unfortunately, please note we are unable to offer an alternative session due to the strict safety guidelines regarding groupings of students. If a student is clinically extremely vulnerable, or they live with someone in their household who is shielding due to being in the 'clinically extremely vulnerable' group, they should not attend school.

## **Will my child be safe if they attend Blessed George Napier School?**

We have undertaken a very careful risk assessment and are following the guidance from the DfE and other organisations. It is believed that transmission within the community is lower than it was when schools closed to most students. Provided that students follow all the social distance rules in school, avoid public transport, and do not mix with other groups of students on the journey to and from school, the risk of increased transmission of the virus, Covid-19, is low. We have implemented increased cleaning and hygiene procedures in school and all students will be expected to comply with this, washing their hands under supervision for example. However, the risk of catching Covid-19 is not zero. Please read the advice for parents that is provided by the DfE at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

## **Will my child be taught by their usual teacher?**

No. To ensure that there are a minimum number of different contacts within the school community, students will be taught in small groups of no more than 15. Teachers will interact with the least possible number of groups. It is inevitable at KS4 and KS5 that students will have to mix because they study a combination of option subjects. A rota system will be used to ensure that mixing is minimised and that, if there is mixing, there is then a gap of time before students mix with a different cohort. Teachers will also work in smaller groups and so not all teachers for a particular subject will be in school on the same day for example.

## **What happens if my child, or someone in the family is ill?**

If anyone in the family has symptoms, especially fever, cough, or loss of taste/smell, then they must contact 111 and arrange a test. None of the children in the family should attend school until Covid-19 has been ruled out and the school have agreed it is safe for them to return. In line with our risk assessment, we may ask a child to continue working at home if they or a family member has tested negative. This is because there is a risk of false negative swab test results.

## **What happens if my child becomes ill at school?**

Anyone who develops symptoms at school must go home immediately. Therefore, you must arrange for your child to be collected immediately if this happens. If you are working and unable to do this, you must ensure that you have made arrangements in advance to organise this.

**Will my child be able to buy lunch?**

No. In order to keep all students and staff safe, each group of 15 students will remain in the same room during the session and if there is more than one subject timetabled, teachers will move rooms but students will remain in the same room. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the entire day with them. They will not have access to the dining hall or the vending machines (which are out of use). As always, students are not permitted to leave site during the day.

**Will the school buses operate to and from Bicester?**

Unfortunately, at the present time, the bus company are unable to operate a normal service. The school day will have a later than usual start to enable students from outside Banbury more time to get to school. At present, the guidelines do not allow for people from different households to share a car.

**Will my child be allowed to walk home with their friends?**

No. Students will be advised they are not to walk home with others from outside the group they attended school with on that day. The DfE have been very clear about their concerns around groups of children mixing on the way to and from school. This is why the start and end times of the day will be staggered and students will be expected to leave the school site very promptly at the end of the day. They cannot wait for others who were part of a different group during that day. They should go straight home and not congregate in parks, shops or other areas in the community.

**Will work be set for my child on the days when they are not on the school site?**

Yes. The DfE have asked schools to prioritise remote learning and students will continue to be set work at home.

**What should my child do now?**

- Only attend at the specific times allocated to them. Parents will receive an email giving further details regarding times and dates.
- Come to school wearing full school uniform if they are in Year 10 and according to the dress code if they are in Year 12. Please bear in mind the normal school rules regarding hair, make-up and jewellery will still apply.
- Bring a packed lunch and any snacks and drinks with them, required for the session. Please also bring in any equipment required as sharing of equipment will not be allowed. Laptops will not be required for face-to-face sessions.
- Follow all instructions and guidance from staff regarding increased hygiene measures in school.
- Arrive in school at the specified time and go straight to their allocated classroom. Please do not congregate anywhere on the school site.
- Students will be required to remain in their designated classrooms throughout the session and supervised toilet breaks will be arranged.
- Leave the school site promptly at the end of the school day and return home immediately.
- Normal school rules regarding mobile devices will apply.