



# Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the summer holidays, I would like to thank you all for your support, patience and kindness as we have all worked together through these most difficult of times. As I have said in the final newsletter of the year, each one of us had had a personal experience of the lockdown. As a community we have endeavoured to work to our core values, caring for and supporting each other.

Re opening the school within the guidance given by the Department for Education is a challenge. We understand the anxiety a return to school may cause for some. It is however extremely important to get our young people back into school for many reasons, all of which have been debated over the months.

We are as a school and staff body delighted to be welcoming students back to school and really looking forward to re-establishing face to face contact. The planning behind this is extremely important and will continue over the summer holidays. In this letter I will bring you up to date with how we will return. As we are all aware national guidance changes regularly. The national and indeed local response to the pandemic is open to change. I will keep in contact with you over the summer holidays and further inform you of developments.

## **A Level and GCSE Results Day**

Separate information has been sent to students about the collection of results and entry into sixth form. We look forward to seeing pupils and celebrating their success.

## **INSET Day**

To support planning, we have moved our January INSET day to the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The School will welcome back years 7, 11 and 12 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and all other pupils on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Arrival at School**

We ask that wherever possible pupils arrive at school on foot or by bike. We continue to work closely with CYC and bus companies. Bus companies will not be able to bring pupils to school in year bubbles. Buses will be regularly cleaned, and hand sanitiser will be available. We are looking at how we can create bubbles within the bus and alleviate numbers on buses that are heavily used. We do expect to have drop off points on Heslington Lane for some buses. Once arrangements have been finalised we will inform you of the procedures that have been put in place.

Lessons start at 8:55. We ask that pupils do not arrive before 8:40. Teachers will be in their form rooms to welcome them. If pupils do arrive before 8:40 they will need to go to their designated areas which are:

<b>Year 7</b>	Quad between Hall and Canteen
<b>Year 8</b>	Tennis Court, nearest Youth Centre and accessed by the Youth Centre gate
<b>Year 9</b>	Tennis Court, furthest from the Youth Centre and accessed by the gate near the Sports Hall
<b>Year 10</b>	Area between H and G Block
<b>Year 11</b>	Basketball Courts
<b>Year 12 and 13</b>	Sixth Form Common Room

We have limited indoor spaces for wet weather arrival so please do try to keep to these timings.

Pupils arriving late will enter the school via the new pupil support unit opposite the basketball courts. They will enter their block by walking around the outside of the building. There will be no pupil entrance via main reception.

### **Zoning**

Each group has been assigned a different area of the school to be based in with specific entry and exit points. No entry signs will be placed on doors linking different zones. Separate toilet blocks have been assigned to each year group.

Year 7	B Block T Block
Year 8	A Block B Block
Year 9	A Block
Year 10	H Block
Year 11	G Block H Block
Year 12 and 13	N Block H Block

### **Groupings**

Year 7 will be taught in form groups for all lessons. Computing and PE will be taught in specialist rooms/settings. All other subjects will be taught in the same classroom.

Year 8 will be taught in form groups for all lessons except for maths, science and computing which will be taught in sets. Computing and PE will be taught in specialist rooms/settings. Groups taught in forms will remain in the same room. Others will move classes within the year 8 designated area.

Year 9 will be taught in set teaching groups within their designated area. Computing and PE will be taught in specialist rooms/settings

Year 10 to 13 will be taught in set teaching groups. We expect most lessons to be taught in specialist rooms within bubbles.

### **Curriculum**

Pupils will cover the full curriculum. Pupils in year 10 and above will have access to specialist rooms and settings. In year 7 to 9 specialist rooms and settings will be used for PE and computing. All other lessons will be classroom based.

### **Break Time**

Break time will be from 11:15pm to 11:35pm. All pupils will have a break. Pupils can bring in snacks and drinks for break time. Year groups will have access to the canteen on a rota basis once a week. At all other times they will be in their specific year areas.

<b>Monday</b>	Year 7
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 8
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 9
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 10
<b>Friday</b>	Year 11

The sixth form will have daily access to the canteen in the common room

### **Lunch Time**

Pupils will have a staggered lunch time. There will be no mixing of year groups. All pupils will have access to the canteen and hot meals will be available.

Each year group will have their own supply of trays and cutlery and we will run a contactless method of payment.

## End of the Day

Pupils will be dismissed in a staggered way. They should leave the school site or board buses as soon as they are dismissed. Please do not bring any cars on to the school site to pick up children. Congestion around our only entrance on Fulford gate is always a challenge and it is vital that pupils exit promptly.

## Hygiene

Pupils will be expected to follow good respiratory and hand hygiene. We expect regular handwashing after visits to the toilets. After every movement outside of a classroom pupils will be expected to wash hands or use sanitiser. Due to the number of pupils in school and the amount of sinks we have sanitiser will be used regularly.

## Equipment

We expect pupils to come prepared for school. To minimize the need to borrow equipment please can you make sure your child brings the following to school

Pen	Pencil	Ruler
Glue stick	Rubber	Pencil sharpener
Small set of coloured pencils		Calculator

## School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn, and normal presentational standards are expected. Full information is on the website. Please do make sure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We really do not want to be spending time following up uniform issues including hair colour, piercings and false nails when we are embedding a return to school. We will be upholding standards.

## Risk Assessment and Protocols

These will be sent out to you over the summer when they have been fully finalised. They will clearly identify our approach to managing risk and further explain our way of working.

I hope this letter has enabled you to get an initial understanding around what a return to school will be like for your child/children. We have been really encouraged by the year 10 return in June. Both pupils and staff adapted well to a new normal and I am sure this will also be seen in September.

As I said earlier, we will continue to communicate with you over the summer holidays, including a year specific video explaining procedures to pupils. Mr Harris will also be sending a video assembly later for individual year groups.

As is traditional we will be saying farewell to staff who will be leaving us this summer. I would like to thank them all for their service to the school and our wider community. Mr Tim Morris will be leaving Fulford after more than 20 years' service. He has been an exceptional Head of Sixth Form and I know many parents and students continue to be grateful for the support, care, and encouragement he has shown pupils and families over the years. Mrs Jean Simpson is retiring after 18 years at Fulford. She has in many ways been the face of Fulford answering phones and greeting pupils and parents on reception. Her calm kindness will be much missed.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

With best wishes,



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