

School reopening for years 10 and 12

Frequently Asked Questions

The school will re-open on the 23rd June for some students in years 10 and 12. Only 25% of these year groups will attend at any one time. As I am sure you appreciate that the safety of all students and staff is our primary concern. Please see below some key answers to frequently asked questions. If you have any other queries, please make contact with us at the school using our email address: enquiries@barnhill.school.

1. What is the reopening survey?

- The reopening survey allows you to indicate if you will be sending your child in to school. It is important that you respond to the survey so that we can plan for all students who will attend. Please do not send your child in without responding to the survey first. These arrangements do not affect the children of key workers, who will continue to attend as normal.

2. When is the school reopening to years 10 and 12?

- The school will reopen for years 10 and 12 students from Monday 22nd June 2020.
- Students will be in from morning registration until lunch time.
- Students attending will receive a letter with details of their start and finish time and their classes.
- Students will be placed in social bubbles – or pods – of no more than 15 students.
- Students are encouraged to walk, cycle or travel by car. Where possible students should avoid public transport.

3. What should students bring in to school?

- Students are not required to wear uniform. They should wear clothes that can easily be washed each day.
- Students should bring all other usual equipment, such as pencil cases, in to school but they must not share any equipment with other students.
- Students should bring a packed lunch as the kitchen facilities will not be open.

4. Will my child be safe from Coronavirus?

- No risk can be eliminated entirely. The school's highest priority is always keeping children safe. The curriculum offer and structure of the school day have been designed to minimise risk as much as is reasonably possible.

5. What are we doing to minimise the risk?

A range of measures are being put in place. They include:

Hygiene

- All students will have their temperatures taken at the start of each day with a non-contact thermometer. Any student whose temperature is high will be taken to the medical isolation room and you will be telephoned.
- Hand sanitiser gel is available in every classroom and at the assembly point. Regular and thorough washing of hands is an important way to control the virus.
- Each classroom will have a cleaning pack to ensure that all surfaces can be cleaned throughout the day.
- All staff and students will maintain social distancing of 2 metres at all times in the school.
- Students are free to wear face masks and gloves that will help to restrict the transmission of the virus.
- Staff who attend to first aid – or any other emergency situation that requires that requires them to be closer than 2 metres – will also use PPE; visors; aprons; masks and gloves.
- A thorough and frequent cleaning schedule and disinfectant cycle in toilets and high frequency use hard surfaces is in place throughout the day.
- Pod classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day.
- Only one student will be allowed to use the toilet at a time. Each pod will be allocated its own toilet which only they will use.

Working in pods

- Students will work in pods of the same 15 students on each occasion that they are in. They will not mix with other pods or any other students.
- Only 25% of the year group will be allowed on the school site at any one time. This means that the highest possible number of students will be 90, although we expect it to be less.
- Students will spend break with their pod in a designated area of the school.
- In their pod classroom students will be allocated a desk and a laptop for their use.
- Students will keep their books with them at all times. No books will be handed in for marking to protect students and staff; staff will, however, provide feedback through alternative methods.
- Students must have their own equipment; no equipment may be lent or borrowed between students. We will have a limited stock of loan items.

Arriving and leaving

- Students will enter and leave the school at different times via the Owen Road gate.
- Different pods will have staggered start and finish times.
- A one-way system will operate throughout the school.
- Students who take public transport must wear face masks and gloves. These items must be disposed of when they arrive at school. Students should bring additional masks and gloves for their journey home.

6. What is the curriculum offer?

- DfE guidance is clear that this phased reopening does not mean years 10 and 12 students will return to normal lessons. Students will be invited into school on one day each week in order to supplement and support our remote learning provision.
- Year 10: Initially we will concentrate on delivering lessons in English, Mathematics, Science and any other options subjects that we can. We will evaluate this carefully before moving on to extend our provision to other subjects.
- Year 12: Wherever possible year 12 students will be taught by a subject expert, or they will be given Home Learning.

7. Will my child have their normal teachers?

- This cannot be guaranteed. The aim will be to ensure that each group will have a specialist teacher for the subjects being taught.

8. What educational provision will be in place if my child is unable to attend school?

- We will continue to deliver Home Learning to all students. Attendance in school for years 10 and 12 students is designed to supplement Home Learning with small group teaching. It is entirely up to parents if they wish to send their children to school, or keep them at home.

9. How will break be different?

- Break time will be staggered and spent within classroom pods or designated areas of the playground; always with the same group of students.
- Students should bring their own lunch which they can eat during the morning break.

10. What happens if my child is ill?

- Parents should not send children to school if they are ill.
- An isolation room has been established for any student presenting as unwell. Parents will be required to collect any unwell child immediately.