

Friday 10th July, 2020.



# Penketh High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a brief summary of actions that the school will be taking in response to the guidance issued to schools ahead of the full reopening of schools from September. The summary below simply identifies key actions we'll be taking without rationale or explanation. We have issued a more detailed document that can be read in conjunction with this summary that provides insight in relation to our considerations in response to individual aspects of the guidance.

Key actions for the return to school in September;

- Social “bubbles” to comprise of full year groups. These groups but cannot mix with other groups.
- Staggered start, break, lunch and end points to the day for each individual year group “bubble” to prevent mixing of groups.
- Lunch reduced to 30 mins to accommodate the need to stagger lunches.
- Our timetable has been rewritten to allow for groups to undertake lengthier periods in subject areas to minimise movement around the site and opportunities for mixing.
- Curriculum delivery time to remain unaffected, so all year groups will undertake 5 hours of teaching per day. Pupils will access all of their subject areas as planned.
- Year 10 will undertake both History and Geography next year and into Year 11 having missed content at the end of Year 9 as part of their Key Stage 3 entitlement.
- Year 11 provided with an additional hour of Maths, English and Science within their curriculum to support preparation for examinations in Summer 2021.
- Year 11 to be given an additional hour per day, now undertaking 6 hours of curriculum delivery to support with preparation for examinations in Summer 2021.
- Year 11 given the choice to continue to pursue their qualification in ICT and/or RE in their sixth hour of delivery each day, or use this hour to focus on additional work in Maths, English, Science, MFL, Humanities and their open option.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 set consistently, undertaking all of their subjects in this set. This is not dissimilar to our current arrangements.
- Year 10 and 11 to undertake Maths and English in a common set, all other sets will be mixed depending on combination of option choices.
- Pupils will be taught the vast majority of their lessons in a room, with all year groups being “zoned” that is to say teaching rooms will be clustered in close proximity to prevent mixing with other groups and to minimise movement.
- Lessons in practical subjects e.g. Science, Technology, ICT, PE and Art will be taught in specialist rooms where necessary.
- School are in discussions with Warrington’s Own Buses with a view to organising a bespoke service for each year group next year to prevent mixing of groups when travelling to and from school.
- Pupils can return to school in full uniform as noted in our uniform guidance which can be found in pupil planners.



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- Pupils can bring equipment to school in September and so we'd expect pupils to attend school with at least the basic equipment required to undertake a successful school day. An equipment list can be found in school planners.

We will, of course, continue to release information and further details to parents and pupils in the weeks ahead but we wanted to ensure that you have clear insight into our thinking and our planning in response to the guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it means a great deal to us all at a time when we're having to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin.  
Principal.



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