

Friday 3rd July, 2020.



Penketh High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to being able to welcome pupils in Year 7 to 9 back to school from next week for their individual meetings with form tutors. I wanted to clarify some key points at a time when the wellbeing of pupils and staff remains our priority.

We recognise that this is a turbulent and challenging time for everyone and that for some of our pupils there might be circumstances that mean they can't return to school for their meetings. The government have identified where people would be considered vulnerable to COVID-19 and the guidance identifies the levels of risk to individuals in relation to pre-existing conditions. If a pupil has a condition that means they are 'clinically extremely vulnerable' or have been issued with a letter stating that they should 'shield' for at least 12 weeks then they should not return to school. Where a pupil is identified as being 'clinically vulnerable' due to pre existing medical conditions are at heightened risk of severe illness, should they contract the virus, we would suggest that they too should not return to school at this time.

The guidance relating to who would fall into the vulnerable and extremely vulnerable groups is available here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>. This might help inform your decision making or the conversation with school regarding the return of your child; though I must point out that any decisions made on medical grounds must be made by parents in conjunction with medical professionals and school will not be making these decisions.

It's incredibly important to stress that whilst we have taken a number of actions in line with the guidance issued by the Department for Education to minimise the risk to staff and pupils, to promote and enforce social distancing and generate a learning environment centred around social distancing; there still remains a risk of transmission as there would in any workplace or in other areas of society. It's important that parents understand that the many actions to mitigate the risk doesn't completely eradicate risk.

Reducing the risk of any transmission of a contagious disease is reliant on individuals adhering to the rules and guidelines we've established. They have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety and subsequently the return of your child to school is dependent on adherence to the following points;

- There will be no more than 20% of a Year group in school on any given day. This figure falls below the current government guidance of 25%.
- It is the responsibility of pupils, supported by their parents/carers, to ensure that social distancing is adhered to whilst travelling to/from school.
- Parents/carers are not permitted onto school site.
- Pupils are not required to wear their school uniform.
- No school bags or equipment are to be brought into school.
- There will be strict hand washing regimes in place, all pupils must follow these procedures as directed by staff.
- Social distancing is to be maintained at all times. This means that pupils are not to be within 2m of another person, this includes congregating in groups.



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- Upon arrival to school pupils must:
 - Enter the Pankhurst building through the doors by the bike sheds at the front of school and sign in with a member of staff.
 - Go straight to the toilets by the canteen and wash their hands.
 - Make their way to the allocated classroom, as stated on the email your child has received.
 - Upon arrival to the classroom, pupils must hand sanitize and take their assigned seat.
 - Once the meeting is finished, pupils must hand sanitize when leaving the classroom.
 - Pupils will then sign out with a member of staff and make their way off-site.

We are very much looking forward to seeing more of our pupils come into school over the next few weeks, until then we'd very much appreciate you continuing to encourage your child to engage with their remote learning offer through Teams.

Take care,

Mr J Carlin.

Principal.

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