



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Coronavirus Update – June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the government asked secondary schools to begin preparations for providing Years 10 and 12 students with some face to face contact from 15 June. We are writing to confirm that there will be in-school provision for Years 10 and 12 from 15 June once the government confirm this date. Attendance is not compulsory and remote learning will continue to be provided through Show My Homework.

Practicalities

The safety of students and staff is our priority and our plans for increasing the numbers of students in school proceed from this. Social distancing will be maintained, with at least 2m separation between students at all times. Teaching will take place in our largest spaces, accessed from the open air with no use of corridors for circulation. Student numbers in school on each day will be limited in line with the government's guidance. All teaching spaces and entry points are well equipped with hand sanitiser dispensers and students will be reminded to use them regularly. Toilet queuing will be kept to a minimum and supervised. Room lay-out, floor marking, signage and supervision will reinforce safe spacing. Once in school, students will be based in one of our designated teaching zones and teachers will move to students. Arrangements are in place for enhanced cleaning of the designated teaching spaces.

Students will not be required to wear their school uniform but should dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather and school setting. The use of public transport is discouraged, and the normal school bus service is not in operation. If the Local Authority advise us of a change in this situation we will inform parents and carers. Local businesses in the neighbourhood of the school are out of bounds. They are trying hard to manage safe social distancing for their customers and we do not wish to add to their difficulties. It is equally important that students do not gather in groups on the way to and from school but instead make their way directly.

From 15 June

Our first week will be focused on pastoral guidance and study support. At the time of writing students have been at home for ten weeks. Our first task will be to assess individual student needs having been out of school for so long. Each Year 10 and 12 form will have a morning session during week one. We will provide students with orientation and health and safety training and a one to one guidance meeting with tutors. Students will be supported to identify any problem areas in their remote learning. Students should arrive at school ready for a 9.30 start and 12.00 finish. Attendance is not compulsory but we would ask that you let us know whether your child will be attending by following this link:

<https://bit.ly/3dw0QPw>

Monday 15 June: 10C, 10W, 12P, 12B

Tuesday 16 June: 10B, 10J, 12G, 12H

Wednesday 17 June: 10M, 10N, 12N

Thursday 18 June: 10R, 10S, 12C, 12J

Friday 19 June: 10A, 10L, 10E, 12S

From 22 June

Year 10 and 12 will be able to attend face to face taught academic sessions in school. Individual student timetables will be sent out by email to students and parents and carers on a two-weekly basis with a week's notice. We will provide taught lessons in most subjects in school, including all core subjects. We will be asking parents and carers to confirm their child's attendance by following the link on the fortnightly timetable email. This will help us to plan our provision. Students will typically have a morning and an afternoon session each day of attendance. The morning session runs 9.30 to 11.30. There will be a 30-minute lunch break in school during which social distancing rules will be maintained. The afternoon session will be from 12.00 to 2.00. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle.

Remote Learning

The government guidance makes clear that remote learning should continue to be the main focus of secondary education through the summer term. Remote learning will continue using our Show My Homework system so that students who do not attend are not disadvantaged as there are currently no plans for Years 7 to 9 students to return to school during the summer term.

Vulnerable Children and Key Workers

In the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

Please accept our best wishes for the term ahead. We will do our very best to keep you informed and up to date as the national situation and government advice changes.

We hope that you and your family are well and do please get in touch if we can help in any way or if you have any questions by phone or email rnicol@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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