



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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## **Students in School: Monday 6 July- Friday 17 July**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to be able to welcome Year 10 and Year 12 back to school over the past two weeks. The taught sessions have been highly valued by our students and staff. We have also been impressed by the way in which students have responded to our expectations regarding social distancing and safety. We very much hope that these steps back to normality can be built upon in the months ahead and we are planning for the return of all students in September. We expect the government to publish their detailed expectations and guidance in the next week. We will write to you again at that time.

### **Year 10 and 12**

The following groups will be in school in the week commencing Monday 6 July:

Monday 6 July: Y10 - English & Maths Day: Maths Sets 1 & 2  
Tuesday 7 July: Y10 - English & Maths Day: Maths Sets 3 and 4a  
Wednesday 8 July: 12P, 12B, 12G, 12H  
Thursday 9 July: Y10 - Science Day: Maths Sets 1 & 2  
Friday 10 July: Y10 - Science Day: Maths Sets 3 & 4a

The following groups will be in school in the week commencing Monday 13 July:

Monday 13 July: Y10 English & Maths Day: Maths Sets 4b & 5  
Tuesday 14 July: Y10 English & Maths Day: Maths Sets 6, 7, 8 and 9  
Wednesday 15 July: 12C, 12J, 12N, 12S  
Thursday 16 July: Y10 Science Day: Maths Sets 4b & 5  
Friday 17 July: Y10 Science Day: Maths Sets 6, 7, 8 and 9

Students should arrive at school ready for a 9.30 start and 2.00 finish apart from Thursdays and Fridays when the day will end at 2.30. Where possible, students should make their own way to school avoiding public transport. The normal school bus service is not in operation. Parents dropping or picking up students at school by car will be able to drive into the car park where a designated and supervised parent 'drop off' zone is marked out between reception and the car park exit. We ask that parents do not leave their cars or stay to talk to other parents.

It is important that students do not gather in groups on the way to and from school but instead make their way directly. 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.

Students will not be required to wear their school uniform but should dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather and school setting. They will need to bring a packed lunch, a refillable water bottle and their usual pencil case equipment.

As we prepare to return and open the school to more students, it is important that student behaviour and compliance with health and safety rules is excellent. Our behaviour and discipline policy sets out our expected standards. All students returning to school will have a health and safety induction and our procedures for operating safely will be clearly explained. Failure to abide by the rules and guidance on safety and social distancing will be considered a serious breach of the behaviour policy.

### **Year 7, 8 and 9**

The government have now offered some flexibility to schools so that we are allowed to invite limited numbers of students in years 7, 8 and 9 for face to face contact with pastoral staff in school, where there is a specific need and it is safe to do so. Mrs Owen-Moore (Deputy Head – Lower School) will be contacting parents and carers of students who she and her pastoral team feel would benefit from a morning in school to meet with guidance staff and receive pastoral support. While this provision is primarily for identified students, if you believe your child would benefit from a support meeting in school, please complete the form below and a member of our pastoral team will contact you with further information. The meetings will take place between Monday 6 July and Friday 17 July. Places will be limited in accordance with government guidance and our risk assessment. Attendance is not compulsory. All students in Years 7 to 9 will have the chance to join a virtual form time before the end of term.

<https://bit.ly/2BcAJzh>

### **Year 11 and 13**

These cohorts have completed their courses and await the awarding of calculated grades from the exam boards which will be issued on Thursday 13th August 2020 for Y13 and Thursday 20th August 2020 for Y11. We will write to you next week with details of the operation of results days. Year 11 students will also receive further support and guidance on transition to the Lower Sixth from the Sixth Form team next week.

### **Free School Meals**

After the Government announcement regarding FSM over the summer, following the excellent work of Marcus Rashford, we will continue with our Wonde scheme which has been in operation since the start of the national school closure. This scheme will operate in the same way as it has been and parent and carers will be contacted directly

### **Refunds**

The school has now received confirmation that insurers will reimburse payments made for the cancelled Danish Exchange, Outward Bound and PGL ski trip. Refunds will be made via Parent Pay as soon as possible once the funds arrive in school.

Students, parents, carers or visitors, must not come to school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus. Details of the procedures to follow can be found here: [COVID-19: guidance for households with](#)

[possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)). If a student at school presents with symptoms, then they will be looked after in isolation and parents and carers contacted to collect them.

The school remains open 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 get in touch if we can help in any way or if you have any questions  
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Yours sincerely



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