



March re-opening – Information for Parents/ Carers

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thanks again for your support this term and with the return to school. I have included (below) an updated version of information sent to you in September for you to re-read and remind your child about. Please do spend time discussing these expectations as we want students to return prepared and motivated for the remainder of the term and year. We want to focus on learning next week and want a smooth start for all students, so having students ready to learn and equipped with everything they need is hugely important. Your support with this would be really appreciated.

Please keep us informed if your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19, has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been in close proximity with someone who has symptoms. This is essential.

I have listed below, as briefly as possible, any changes or issues that we have previously had so that you can also support us to have a productive re-start. Please make sure that you discuss this at home and that we all try our best to return to some sort of normality.

- It is full school uniform next week from the first day. Please check our website for more details and remember, pupils should be wearing shoes, blazers and ties with no jewellery. Hooded tops are not allowed. Pupils cannot have false nails or nail varnish.
- If you are struggling financially, especially due to the current pandemic, then please ring the Head of Year in confidence and we will try to sort some uniform and equipment where needed. Any spare uniform that you could donate will be appreciated, please arrange for drop off with the school office.
- PE kit can be worn on the day that the student has PE or if they have an after school sports club. Mr Worthington will send a letter with information about sports clubs today.
- Face coverings should be worn during lessons and whilst in the school building. Masks do not need to be worn during active lessons that feature exercise (PE, Dance...) and whilst children are on break and lunch as long as they are outside the school buildings. Thanks for your support with this. This will be reviewed at Easter.
- On cold days, and with the classroom windows being left open to improve ventilation, students may keep their coats on over the top of the uniform. Blazers should still be worn. Hooded tops will not be allowed and should be confiscated.
- Year 10 will now start at 8.40am and enter via the gate near the bus stop. This is so that we can start interventions and also cover aspects of the wellbeing curriculum during this additional registration time. Year 10 should arrive at 8.30am for an 8.40am start.
- Pupils should not arrive in groups and should not go home in groups until things improve. Please make sure that your child goes straight home after school, preferably in a very small group of three or less.



- Pupils mixing bubbles and not following the guidelines will have to be excluded from school as we need to look after everyone and cannot afford to lose learning time.
- Please consider local residents when parking and perhaps try to park further away. There is often congestion on Cooper Lane which could be avoided.

We cannot afford to be complacent. We do not want staff and students and the community to become ill or worse. We also do not want to be sending year groups or the whole school home if it can be avoided; our aim is to maximise the in school learning time that we have left, so please do encourage your child to be proactive with the expectations above and to keep themselves and everyone around them safe. It is everyone's responsibility to keep safe. Your support with this is appreciated.

Hopefully, this will be the last time we need to send a letter like this. We look forward to the future and the journey towards every student achieving their goals and being the best they can be.

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The following information contains a detailed explanation for the re-opening of Haydock High School. A lot of this information has been shared with you before but please discuss it with your child. Please explain the importance of following the guidelines to keep themselves and others safe.

There is a lot of information and this will be adapted and reviewed regularly.

If you have any questions then please email pabram@haydockhighschool.sthelens.org.uk and we will try to respond directly.

1. Bubbles

Pupils will form a 'bubble' within their year group. Pupils from one year should not mix with pupils from other year groups – this should include walking to and from school. Each year group will have an allocated gate which they need to use to enter and exit school. Gates will open 15 minutes before the start time for that year group and we encourage students to be prompt with their arrivals.

'Bubble'	Gate
7	Lower school playground via leisure centre car park
8	Cooper Lane
9	Front gate by the Art block
10	Lower school playground via gate between the bus stop and shops
11	Front gate by the Art block



2. The Start and End of the School Day

In line with government guidance, we will be staggering the arrival time and departure time of our students to encourage them to remain in their year group bubbles. Therefore some year groups will be starting a little earlier or later than normal and finishing a little earlier or later than normal. Please find below a summary of the start time and the finish time for each year group.

Year Group	Start of the School day	End of School day
7	8.30am	2.45pm
8	8.40am	2.45pm
9	8.40am	2.50pm
10	8.40am	3.00pm or 4.00pm
11	8.30am	3.00pm or 4.00pm*

*Revision classes will run most evenings starting in mid March (not Tuesday or Friday). All Year 10 and 11 students are expected to attend the additional classes to support with progress across the curriculum.

It is vital that all students arrive punctually - no more than 10-15 minutes before their start time. Late pupils will need to enter via reception.

3. Hygiene Arrangements

Pupils will be expected and encouraged to wash their hands regularly. We have expanded the cleaning rota extensively so that all areas of school are regularly cleaned.

4. PPE

PPE is **not** compulsory in schools with the exception of the School Nurse, staff supporting students with intimate care or a First Aider who is dealing with a child who is unwell. It is the responsibility of the pupil to look after any PPE brought into school and it must not be disposed of on school premises, it must be put in a plastic bag and taken home. If a mask is deemed unsuitable (for example, it hides all of the child's face), we will not permit the mask to be worn.

5. Attendance

It is expected that all pupils who are well will attend school each and every day; full-time attendance from 8th March is compulsory for all pupils. If your child receives specialist health care which makes them particularly vulnerable to infection, please speak to your doctor or consultant to seek further guidance about their return to school. Any relevant information should then be passed to your child's Head of Year.



It is imperative that any pupil with COVID-19 symptoms does not attend school and that school is informed immediately. Absence should be reported in the usual way by telephoning the school, but we would ask you to do this before 8am during this time.

Please keep us informed if your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19, has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been in close proximity with someone who has symptoms. This is essential.

6. Lessons and Timetable

Pupils will have the full range of curriculum subjects. We will continue to escort children to specialist areas such as PE, music or drama.

Work will be marked in a different way by teachers, with online learning playing a much bigger part in pupils' independent work. Pupils will have exercise books for each subject as normal but work to be marked will be done on paper and homework will be set online.

At present, and possibly until after Easter, there will be no homework club.

7. Breaktimes and lunchtimes

Pupils will have staggered breaks and lunches (see year specific information). Pupils **must** remain in their bubbles in specified areas of the school. The catering provision will be limited. Pupils may be asked to order in advance, and we may be providing more cold food. Food will be still available for purchase and those entitled to free school meals will still be able to have lunch at school. Cleaning will take place between each sitting.

It would be very helpful if parents send their children to school with a snack for breaktime, a packed lunch and a water bottle. It would also be much safer if parents put money on a pupil's account at home to avoid students having to use the fingerprint machines in school.

8 Behaviour and Expectations

Our current school rules will be the same and there will be some additional rules pertaining to health and safety that it is imperative all pupils follow. Sanctions will be similar to the current system with sanctions such as detentions to continue. However, it is important to inform all parents that we shall be operating a 'zero tolerance' approach to any conduct or behaviour that puts the health and safety of a child or a member of staff at risk. We expect all parents to support this especially as there is the wider issue of keeping our community safe. Should this arise, serious action will be taken.

8. Uniform and Equipment

It is important that all school standards are high and therefore we need to insist that when pupils return, they are in full school uniform. Further details can be found on the school website.

There will strictly be no borrowing or sharing of equipment, such as stationery. As a result, it is crucial that all pupils bring the required equipment. The list of essential pieces of equipment are as follows:

Pencils, pencil crayons, highlighters, calculator (Scientific), blue or black pens, ruler, purple pens, glue stick, protractor, pencil sharpener, eraser and tissues.

Please only bring essential items into school, e.g. coat, school bag, lunch and the equipment above.



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9. Pastoral Care

We appreciate that a return to school may be an anxious and unsettling time for most pupils and staff, particularly those who have not been here for a number of months now. Please be assured that we understand these anxieties and will be doing everything that we can to support pupils. It is also important that you keep us informed of anything you notice at home so that we have a wider picture to work with. Students will want to share their particular experiences of the lockdown and we want to support them in doing this. Please do keep in touch with your child's form tutor over the first few months and let us know about any challenges or anxieties your child may have.

10. Transport

Please try to avoid public transport. We have installed new bike racks for students that would like to cycle to school. Pupils should also be encouraged to walk or be driven to school by car. If pupils must use public transport, please follow all of the current guidelines.

11. Visitors

Visitors to Haydock High School, including parents will be severely limited. In the vast majority of cases communication between school and parents will need to be by email or telephone. Parents should only visit school if it is urgent or an emergency.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Abram
Head of School