

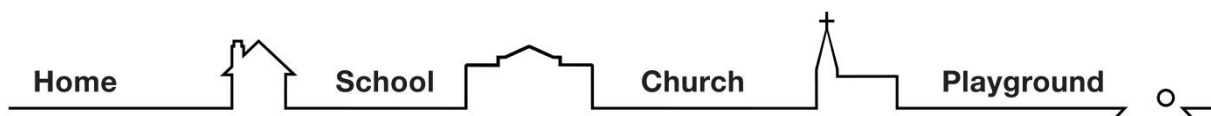


# Thornleigh

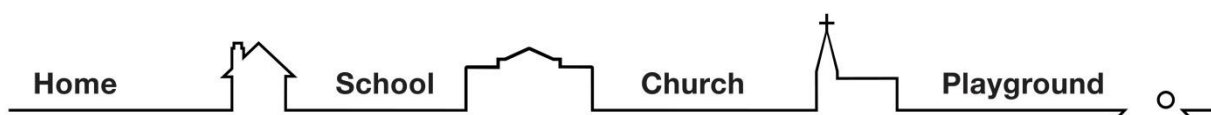
## Salesian College

### Return to school – important information

<p><b>Attendance</b></p>	<p>School attendance will return to being compulsory from September.</p> <p>For <u>Years 7 and 12</u> term begins on <u>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</u>, at 08:45 for Year 7 and by appointment for Year 12.</p> <p>For <u>Years 8, &amp; 9</u> term begins on <u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</u> at 08:45.</p> <p>For <u>Years 10, 11 &amp; 13</u> term begins on <u>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September</u> at 08:45 <b>PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS</b></p> <p>This phased return is necessary to safely ensure that all students fully understand the new school operating systems.</p> <p>Students who previously have been shielding no longer need to do so. If you have serious concerns about your child’s health or because of other risk factors, please contact us at school to discuss.</p>
<p><b>Transport</b></p>	<p>Government advice is that wherever possible the first choice of transport to school should be walking or cycling. If your child is bringing a bike they should bring a lock and secure in their designated area. If your child cannot walk or cycle the next option should be they are dropped off near school in the car (any drop off or pick up should be <b>away from the school entrance</b> - there is now <b>no vehicle access</b> to the school site at the start and end of the school day). The next preferred option would be the school bus service (we cannot keep children in a ‘year group bubble’ on the buses) and the last resort would be children catch a normal service bus. ALL STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON <b>ANY BUS</b> MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING –THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL WITHOUT.</p> <p>The school bus routes are attached in a separate document and are available on the school website</p> <p><b>Year 7-11 students should only access the school site by the main entrance at Reception.</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 and 13 students should only access the school site by the back of the Sixth Form.</b></p> <p>At the end of the day year groups will be dismissed separately to the bus turn.</p>
<p><b>Hygiene measures</b></p>	<p>On arrival to school, and frequently throughout the day, students will be expected to wash or sanitise their hands. This is not optional. Where possible, students should carry hand sanitiser and tissues with them at all times. These will also be available in school. Any students presenting with Covid-19 symptoms will be isolated. Parents or carers will be expected to collect them within an hour of being notified and then comply with the NHS test and trace process.</p> <p>The government have now advised the wearing of face masks in school. For us this means that all students will be expected to wear a face mask when in communal areas of school. We will ask students to remove their masks when in class. As students will only be moving around school in a very limited way this will mean they are only wearing their masks for short periods of time. We do ask for complete co-operation with this for the safety of our whole community.</p> <p>All masks should be one plain colour. Students are not permitted to wear scarves, bandanas or snoods as their face covering. If a student is not wearing a mask or has an inappropriate face covering they will be provided with an appropriate one.</p> <p>If your child has a medical exemption from wearing a mask then please contact school. This medical exemption should come from your doctor.</p>
<p><b>Year group bubbles</b></p>	<p>Throughout the school day your child will now be in a year group bubble. This will mean some significant changes to their school day. Students will predominantly be based in one area of the school, and where possible one classroom. All students will have a year group</p>



	<p>badge on their blazer. Year groups will have staggered lunch times and limited recreation facilities. This may also mean some changes to the curriculum but we have minimised as much disruption as possible.</p>
<p><b>Behaviour expectations</b></p>	<p>We expect all our students to comply fully with our revised Behaviour for Learning policy which incorporates in it Covid-19 risk management. We will work hard to support children in meeting these expectations but will not tolerate behaviour which potentially puts other students and staff at risk.</p> <p>A summary of the school behaviour policy is attached. <b><u>We ask that all parents complete the Google form return to acknowledge receipt of this and to confirm that your child understands how they are expected to behave in school. You can find a link to this form in the letter that you have received with this document.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Uniform and mobile phones</b></p>	<p>All students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times.</p> <p>Our normal rules on hair and appearance remain the same. Students must have an appropriate haircut – no extreme styles and hair should be one natural colour. Long hair should be tied back wherever possible.</p> <p>No piercing jewellery is allowed under any circumstances.</p> <p>Students are not allowed to wear make up/false tan/false eyelashes/false nails.</p> <p>Our rules on mobile phones remain unchanged. Mobile phones must be off and out of sight at all times. Any mobile phone that is seen will be confiscated and will not be returned to the student at the end of the school day.</p>
<p><b>The school day and lunchtime</b></p>	<p>In order to minimise movement around school the school day has been amended. School starts at 8.45am and students go directly to their first lesson. It is therefore imperative that all students are on time every day so that they do not miss their lessons.</p> <p>Students must not congregate before school and must only be in their designated area. The canteen is not open for students before school.</p> <p>Once in their classroom students must go to and remain in their designated seat. At no time should they enter the ‘teacher area’ of the room. This area is clearly marked.</p> <p>At breaktime students must stay in their designated recreation area and use their designated toilets.</p> <p>Year 11 &amp; Sixth Form students will have canteen facilities at breaktime.</p> <p>Lunchtime is now split with year groups on lunch at different times.</p> <p>The canteen will be operating at lunchtime.</p> <p>All food must be consumed in the canteen.</p> <p>Students bringing a packed lunch will eat this in a designated recreation space.</p> <p>At the end of the school day students will be dismissed in year groups on a staggered exit schedule.</p> <p>Year 7 – 2.55pm  Year 8 &amp; 9 – 3pm  Year 10 – 3.05pm  Year 11 &amp; Sixth Form – 3.10pm</p> <p>Students should not mix with other year groups after school on their way home.</p>
<p><b>Payments to school</b></p>	<p>All payments to school now need to be completed online wherever possible. You can do this via the school gateway. This includes payments for lunch. Please ensure your school</p>



	<p>gateway account is set up. If you have any issues with this please contact <a href="mailto:finance@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk">finance@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk</a></p> <p>New parents to the school will be able to access this service from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Year 7 will be provided with a free lunch on this date.</p>
<b>Practical subjects and activities</b>	<p>We have done all that we can within our risk assessment to continue to provide a creative, practical and active curriculum, however this will be limited in some areas. For the first half term we will have PE lessons but students will not be able to get changed for these lessons and activities will be very limited. Students therefore do not need to bring a PE kit for the first half term – we will review this provision throughout the term.</p> <p>We are working with our colleagues in the music service to explore how we can safely deliver music.</p> <p>In KS4 &amp; 5 students will have access to specialist rooms for delivery of subjects such as Art and Music.</p> <p>In line with government guidance there will be no practical work in science for the first term. Practicals will be delivered via demonstration only. This will be reviewed at half term.</p>
<b>Pastoral support</b>	<p>All students will continue to receive good pastoral support. In the middle of each day they will have an extended session with their form teacher. All other pastoral and safeguarding provisions can and will be met.</p>
<b>SEND support</b>	<p>All students with SEND will continue to be supported by the inclusion team. If you have any concerns please communicate with your child's key contact worker or with Mr Tye.</p>
<b>GCSE and A Level examinations</b>	<p>If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13, the current guidance is that GCSE and A Level examinations will go ahead in summer 2021 but with some adaptations.</p> <p>We have had the Ofqual guidance on this and our curriculum models have been adapted appropriately where necessary.</p>
<b>Remote learning</b>	<p>We are continually developing our remote/digital/online learning platforms. We are confident that in the case where your child may need to self-isolate and/or there are subsequent 'lock downs' that the curriculum will be able to be delivered remotely.</p> <p>It is important that you share with us if your child does not have access to a device – PC/Laptop/Tablet at home where they can complete their work.</p> <p>Please complete the ICT question on the form you can find in the attached letter.</p>
<b>Parents visiting school</b>	<p>For the time being, parents are not permitted to enter the school site or premises unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. If you need to make an appointment please contact reception and we will aim to accommodate you within 48 hours wherever possible. We will send you an electronic track and trace form to complete prior to your visit.</p> <p>It will be possible to arrange meetings with parents via Zoom.</p> <p>There is <b>no</b> vehicle access to the site at the start or end of the school day. If you are dropping off or picking up this needs to be arranged off site.</p> <p>Unfortunately anyone arriving without an appointment cannot be seen.</p>
<p>We appreciate that these are some significant changes to how we usually operate as a school but we need to implement these so that we can all stay safe in school. If we all co-operate as a community we can reduce the risk of transmission to keep ourselves and our wider families safe.</p>	

