

Return to School  
Frequently Asked Questions

What date do Year 10 return to school?

The current guidance is that students will return in small groups from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A letter will go out to all Year 10 parents advising them of their child's timetable. At other times Year 10 will have 'live lessons' online.

What is the plan for Year 12 students?

Year 12 students will be taught in their subjects online. They will be invited into college to complete their UCAS application and to receive 1-1 support from staff.

How will students be expected to behave in school?

All parents and students are expected to agree and adhere to the school Covid 19 behaviour policy.

Has the school got a Covid 19 risk assessment?

We have completed a robust and thorough risk assessment that has the approval of the Governors and Local Authority who have been working closely with Public Health. The risk assessment is subject to continuous change in light of ongoing government guidance.

How will social distancing be maintained in school?

On arrival at school students will be met by a member of staff and will line up 2m apart. Students will then be registered one at a time at a central registration point and directed to their classroom where they remain for the duration of the sessions. We will send all students a video that 'walks' them through the procedure.

What is happening with school buses?

Government advice, and advice from Greater Manchester Transport is that travel on public transport (including school transport) should be only used as a last resort. The school buses are running at significantly reduced capability and not all services will operate. Once we have a final response from the bus companies we will inform parents which routes will run. Strict social distancing must be observed on all buses.

Do students need to wear school uniform?

Yes; all our uniform, make up and jewellery rules remain. We would advise that uniform is washed following a school day and for that reason we will allow students not to wear their blazers.

Should staff and students wear face masks in school?

We are following the official government guidance on the use of PPE which is;



*'Wearing a face mask or face covering in schools or other education settings is not recommended. Face coverings may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close social contact with people you do not usually meet or where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example on public transport or in some shops. This does not apply to schools or other education settings. Schools should therefore not require staff, children and learners to wear face coverings. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus'.*

What will happen at break and lunchtime?

Students will have a short supervised break in their classroom in the morning. They will not be in school over lunchtime.

Will my child receive any 1-1 support if they need it?

All SEN support will continue to happen remotely from the SEN department. It is not possible at this stage to offer 1-1 support in the classroom. If you have any concerns about this then please contact Mr Tye [ctye@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:ctye@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk)

What should I do if my child has an underlying health condition?

Please refer to government guidance to help you with your decision. If your child is extremely clinically vulnerable they should NOT return to school at this time.

What should I do if someone in my household is being shielded?

If someone in your house is on the extremely clinically vulnerable list then please contact us to discuss whether it is appropriate for your child to return to school.

Does my child have to return to school?

No – the decision about whether your child returns to school rests with you. We are encouraging all eligible students to attend but the government are not enforcing school attendance at this time. We would love to see your child back in school to help build their confidence and support them with their learning but if you decide for them not to attend then we will do all that we can to continue to support them.

