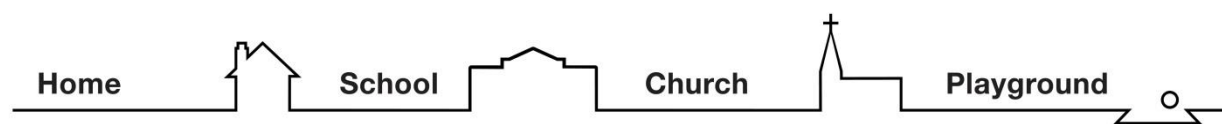


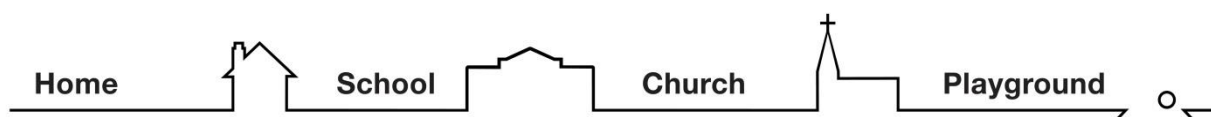


Return to school March 2021 – important information

<p>Return dates</p>	<p>Students will return to school on the dates below. Remote learning will continue for all Year groups until their return date. This will include independent learning as well as live teaching. On the testing date for a Year group, only those students for whom we have received consent to test will be invited in to school. During the week beginning 1st March, students will receive a time to arrive in school on the day and will stay in school for the remainder of the day. Students who have been attending school throughout the school closure should continue to do so.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 528 1121 763"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year group</th> <th>First testing date</th> <th>All students to return</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>10th March</td> <td>11th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>10th March</td> <td>11th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>9th March</td> <td>10th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>9th March</td> <td>10th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>8th March</td> <td>9th March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6th Form</td> <td>11th March</td> <td>12th March</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No student should arrive to school who has any Covid-19 symptoms as the purpose of this testing is to identify asymptomatic cases only.</p>	Year group	First testing date	All students to return	7	10 th March	11 th March	8	10 th March	11 th March	9	9 th March	10 th March	10	9 th March	10 th March	11	8 th March	9 th March	6 th Form	11 th March	12 th March														
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<p>Attendance</p>	<p>School attendance will be mandatory for all students from their return date. Parents are expected to ensure that their child regularly attends school and the school will follow our normal procedures, including the use of fixed penalty notices, where a student is not attending regularly without a valid reason. If you or your child is anxious about returning to school, please contact us so that we can reassure you on the measures we are putting in place to reduce any risks.</p> <p>A small number of students may have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable and they are advised to shield and stay at home until further notice. The school will require a copy of the shielding letter.</p>																																			
<p>Transport</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</p>																																			



	<p>should be away from the school entrance - there is now no vehicle access 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 ANY BUS 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 Year 7-11 students should only access the school site by the main entrance at Reception. Year 12 and 13 students should only access the school site by the back of the Sixth Form. At the end of the day year groups will be dismissed separately to the bus turn.</p> <p>NEW-MARCH 2021 Any student who has travelled on the same vehicle (bus) as that of a positive case, irrespective of where they were on the vehicle, will be identified as a close contact and will need to self-isolate. To ensure that we are able to keep a record of the buses used by all students, they will be provided with an ID badge which will be scanned on arrival to school and when departing at the end of the day.</p>
Hygiene measures	<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>
Face coverings	<p>The government continues to recommend the wearing of face masks in school and also recommends that they are worn in classrooms. We do ask for co-operation with this for the safety of our whole community. This guidance from the Government is to be reviewed at Easter.</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.</p>
ID badges	<p>Students in Year 7-11 will all be issued with a Year group specific ID badge. The badge has the student name and Form group on but no photograph. We have added a unique QR code to enable us to identify students quickly on our tracking systems for school travel and testing. The ID badges will also help us maintain our year group bubbles. If you were to scan the QR code it would simply show the student name on the front of the card.</p>
Year group bubbles	<p>We will continue to operate the successful year group bubbles that students have become familiar with this academic year. Students will predominantly be based in one area of the school, and where possible one classroom. All students will have a year group badge on their blazer along with a year group specific ID badge. Year groups will have staggered lunch times and limited recreation facilities. We have minimised disruption to the curriculum to the absolute minimum.</p>
Behaviour expectations	<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.</p>
Uniform and mobile phones	<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. 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>
The school day and lunchtime	<p>The school day and lunchtime remains the same as before school closure.</p>



	<p>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. Year 11 & Sixth Form students will have canteen facilities at breaktime.</p> <p>Lunchtime is split with year groups on lunch at different times. The canteen will be operating at lunchtime. All food must be consumed in the canteen. Students bringing a packed lunch will eat this in a designated recreation space. At the end of the school day students will be dismissed in year groups on a staggered exit schedule. Year 7 – 2.55pm Year 8 & 9 – 3pm Year 10 – 3.05pm Year 11 & Sixth Form – 3.10pm Students should not mix with other year groups after school on their way home.</p>
Payments to school	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 gateway account is set up. If you have any issues with this please contact finance@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk
Practical subjects and activities	<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.</p> <p>Students will now be getting changed for PE and will therefore need their PE kit.</p> <p>In KS4 & 5 students will have access to specialist rooms for delivery of subjects such as Art and Music. Any specialist equipment will be cleaned prior to being used by different groups.</p>
Pastoral support	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.
SEND support	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.
GCSE and A Level examinations	OFQUAL released its guidance on how GCSE and A Level grades will be awarded on 25 th February. We will contact all Year 11 and 13 parents in the coming days to invite them to a webinar explaining how we are responding to this guidance.
Remote learning	<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 and we can continue with the success of the blended curriculum where isolating students were able to access the same lessons from home.</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>
Parents visiting school	<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 no 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>

