



3rd September 2020

Return to school Information

Dear Parent/Carer,

At first I would like to apologise that this correspondence is late in the day; our main priority at Netherhall Learning Campus is to make sure we have the safest COVID secure start to the Autumn term. With DFE and Government guidance changing on a weekly basis I wanted one clear message about start dates, safety and school procedures rather than information coming in dribs and drabs throughout the summer. Hopefully this letter will reassure you that we have put everything in place in order to secure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community. This has and will continue to be our highest priority.

****Please note the changes below from our previous communication sent on Friday 17th July regarding the start day for each year group****

The new school year begins on: -

Tuesday 8th September 2020 for Year 7 students only

This will be a reduced day with staggered start and finish times. Please see the table below for the specific time each Year 7 tutor group starts and finishes. From Wednesday 9th September onwards the start time will be 8:45am and the school day will finish at 2:45pm.

Tutor Group	Start time	Finish Time
7NH	8:30am	12:30pm
7RDS	9:00am	1:00pm
7NP	9:30am	1:30pm
7JO	10:00am	2:00pm
7ES	10:30am	2:30pm
7CG	11:00am	3:00pm

Thursday 10th September for Year 11 students. Start time of 8:45 and the school day will finish at 2:45pm

Friday 11th September for Year 10 students. Start time of 8:45 and the school day will finish at 2:45pm

Monday 14th September for Year 8 and Year 9 students. Start time of 8:50 and the school day will finish at 2:50pm

*** Please note that students are only allowed in the school building 5 minutes before tutor time starts***

Students who attend breakfast club will need to sign into school when the club eventually recommences.

Please be aware that at this time we are unable to allow parents to wait in the building for children. Parents should drop off and pick up in the car park to avoid congestion or wait at the school gate if on foot. If your child is starting in Year 7 with us, parents will be able to wait outside the main reception area on their first day due to the staggered start and finish times.

The school day and staying SAFE

The school day will look and feel very different from how it was before lockdown. Instead of a single break and lunchtime for all students, it has been necessary to introduce individual breaks and lunchtimes for each year group. This has enabled the school to comply with the government guidance to form year group 'bubbles'. The start to the school year has been staggered to allow for all new routines to be introduced in a managed and secure way.

We have revised the first full week to allow staff and students to familiarise themselves with the new routines and procedures and from **Tuesday 15th September** the following timetable will apply.

Year 7	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
	8:45 - 9:10	9:10 - 10:10	10:10 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:10	12:40 - 13:40	13:40 - 14:45
	Break	Lunch	Break & Lunch Area		Entrance and Exit Area	
	10:00 - 10:10	12:10 - 12:40	Front of School		Reception	
Year 8	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
	8:50 - 9:10	9:10 - 10:10	10:10 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:10	12:10 - 13:10	13:40 - 14:50
	Break	Lunch	Break & Lunch Area		Entrance and Exit Area	
	11:30 - 11:40	13:10 - 13:40	Front of School		Music - New	
Year 9	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
	8:50 - 9:10	9:10 - 10:10	10:10 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:10	12:40 - 13:40	13:40 - 14:50
	Break	Lunch	Break & Lunch Area		Entrance and Exit Area	
	11:30 - 11:40	13:10 - 13:40	Front of School – SS Car Park		Green/Red Door	
Year 10	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
	8:45 - 9:10	9:10 - 10:10	10:10 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:10	12:40 - 13:40	13:40 - 14:45
	Break	Lunch	Break & Lunch Area		Entrance and Exit Area	
	10:00 - 10:10	12:10 - 12:40	Front of School – SS Car Park		Canteen – New	
Year 11	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
	8:45 - 9:10	9:10 - 10:10	10:10 - 11:10	11:10 - 12:10	12:40 - 13:40	13:40 - 14:45
	Break	Lunch	Break & Lunch Area		Entrance and Exit Area	
	11:00 - 11:10	12:10 - 12:40	Front of School		Core	

Whilst teaching and learning styles may be quite different in some areas, we have ensured all children have a broad and balanced curriculum with specialist delivery, KS3 students will be taught all subject within their 'Tutor Bubble', whilst KS4 will be taught within 'Year Bubbles'. Children will be taught in single or double periods and teaching will be predominantly from the front. Assessment of progress will largely be made through structured teacher questioning and there will be much greater reliance upon self- and peer-marking in order to minimise potential staff-to-student or student-to-staff transmission. Where children have specific needs that require additional classroom support, a member of staff will be assigned to work more closely with them, with additional measures in place to keep both safe.

Unfortunately, the range of activities that our students have enjoyed both within lessons and as part of our extra-curricular offer has needed to be curtailed for 2020-21. Much of the curriculum will be quite academic with a focus upon building the core knowledge and skills required to ensure that students can make progress and to address any gaps. However, we are committed to maintaining exposure for our children to technology subjects, the arts and sports. We believe this is more important than ever in supporting their physical and emotional health as well as building their cultural capital. Students in Key Stage 3 will have access to specialist facilities for a number of their lessons (with additional safeguards in place) and students in Key Stage 4 will continue to study each of their Options courses.

Facemasks

Due to Kirklees' removal from the additional quarantine list students and the latest DFE guidance students will not be allowed to use face masks whilst on school grounds. This does not include when they are using public transport and travelling to and from school, where local and national guidance must still be followed. This conforms with the additional guidance issued on 25 August 2020 by the Department for Education. We therefore expect all students if in possession of an appropriate face covering to be store it securely and safely when on the school grounds. We will be keeping a close eye on the situation and be reviewing this weekly. Students are encouraged to bring a personal supply of hand sanitiser that they can use prior to and after lesson. Please support us by ensuring your child knows the importance of hand sanitisation prior to the start of term.

In addition to the use hand sanitiser (that is in each classroom), we have implemented a one-way system that should enable students and staff to move safely around the site. All members of the school community are, therefore, expected to effectively socially distance wherever possible and comply with the school guidance to keep SAFE.

Student and Staff Guidance for Staying Safe

- Socially distance from staff (2 metres) at all times, stay within your year group bubble and avoid close contact with others on your journey and whilst at school.
- Attention is needed in every lesson, with a good attitude to learning and a positive mindset.
- Remain silent on corridors and in class when the teacher is talking or anyone is contributing. Never shout.
- Follow teacher instructions carefully and without challenge.
- Eliminate risk: wash or sanitise your hands regularly - remember to 'catch it-bin it-kill it' - keep your hands away from your face - tell an adult if you feel ill.

At a time when infection is still a concern within our community, we will require the highest standards of conduct and engagement from our children. Any attempt to increase anxiety further by either purposefully acting a manner that increases the likelihood of infection (failure to comply with the guidance above or by exchange of bodily fluids or simulation of the same) will be dealt with in the most severe manner. Alongside specific COVID measures we expect children to adhere to the same expectations that we have always had in terms of uniform and use of electronic equipment and mobile phones.

PE Kit / Equipment

On days that students are scheduled to have PE, they will be expected to attend school in their PE kit. We recommend they bring a hoodie and a waterproof jacket to ensure they are warm and dry. Timetables will be issued on your child's return which will provide more information as to when their PE lesson is.

PE Uniform

Black Polo Shirt (with or without logo)

All Weather Outdoor Top

Shorts / Tracksuit Bottoms

Football Boots – (dependent on activity- required for Girls and Boys)

Equipment It is very important that students arrive at school ready to learn to ensure they engage effectively in all lessons across the day. This can only take place if students arrive on time, in the correct uniform and with all the equipment they need for the day.

Students must have the following basic equipment:

- Writing pens (black or blue)
- Red pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener

We hope that we can rely upon your support in communicating these expectations to your child and in maintaining them moving forwards.

School Meals

The school catering team will continue to provide a variety of hot and cold options for children to purchase at break and lunchtimes. However, the range of food will be reduced in order to provide a quicker 'grab and go' service. A standard 'meal deal' will cost £2.45.

If your child has any specific dietary requirements please contact Velda Codner – Medical and Welfare Officer who will then liaise with the catering team on your behalf. Please note, for the first two weeks back students with specific dietary needs will need to bring a packed lunch.

If you would prefer for your child to bring a packed lunch, there is sufficient seating in the Dining Hall to enable them to eat and socialise with the other children within their year group 'bubble'.

To ensure we are following COVID-19 guidelines, rather than using biometric thumb recognition, students will be allocated a PIN number on their return to use when purchasing food in the Dining Hall.

SIMS Pay invitations were sent out by email which allows payments to be made online for school meals. Please contact the school office if you have not received your invitation or require further assistance with registering.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Kent', written in a cursive style.

Michael Kent
Principal