



The Howard School



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2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school we are really pleased to be able to begin to fully open from the 8/3/2021. We are aware that there are members of the school community, including families and students, who may be apprehensive but we will ensure that this return is as structured and as safe as possible.

The arrangements that we have made from the 8.3.21 are as follows:

- Students will be asked to wear their own masks in all indoor spaces in school, including classrooms, toilets, canteens, stairways and corridors. This is now strongly advised for secondary schools until the Easter break. The same rules apply to public transport to and from school. Facemasks in classrooms and indoor spaces will be enforced for the safety of our students, families and staff. Masks can be removed in outdoor settings. The normal exemptions apply and if your child was exempt previously, then you do not need to inform us that they are exempt again.
- Attendance at school will return to being compulsory for all students from the 15/3/2021.
- Staff and students classed as "clinically extremely vulnerable" are currently shielding and should not return to school but continue to shield in line with current guidance.
- Students who have been coming into school as part of key worker arrangements should now follow the return to school schedule in line with the rest of the school.
- Schools have been asked to test students 3 times in school in the period leading up to Easter and then test kits will be provided for students to use at home so that instances of Covid-19 are picked up quickly and isolated. Staff will also be tested in the same way. This is voluntary and consent information has already been sent to parents/carers which has led to a sharp rise in the number of parents/carers asking for these tests for their children. Once the first voluntary test has been completed, each year group will return to school the following day.
- All of the same measures are in place regarding year group bubbles, staggered starts, breaks, lunches, play areas and the end of the school day. There will be more movement of students as shared in my December newsletter to Parents/Carers. Students will be able to visit specialist teaching rooms and students will have designated stairwells and travel routes.

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- Students must follow the outdoor one way system when moving between blocks.
- Students must follow the guidance on entry and exit points for every block / classroom.
- When in corridors or stairwells, everyone will adopt a “keep left” protocol to ensure safe and quick movement when travelling.
- Staff will be on duty at key locations in all areas of the school during lesson changeovers to supervise the safe movement of students.
- As a school, we want to support students to return but we will take very seriously any incident which threatens the safety of the school community.
- Students will sit side by side, facing the front wherever possible in teaching rooms.
- Students must use their school pencil case; staff can loan scissors and calculators but these must be sanitised after use.
- Staff should remain at the front of the classroom, maintaining a 2m distance wherever possible.
- Classroom doors and windows must be left open; coats can be worn at the discretion of the teacher.
- Students may use the nearest toilet during lessons if absolutely necessary; hands must be washed before leaving the toilet & sanitised on return.
- When a positive infection is identified in school, students will still be required to isolate if they have had contact with a positive case and, as before, the decision about who is required to isolate will be made on advice from Public Health England and regional advisors/Track and Trace teams.
- **If your child or anyone in your household is displaying coronavirus symptoms, your child must stay at home until they or the member of the household has had a negative test result.**
- Online lessons will continue during the period of the 8th-12th March but some lessons will not happen in the morning to allow year groups returning to school to be inducted.

Please find below the plan to return students in the week beginning the 8.3.21 and then the plan for the week beginning the 15.3.21.

Return to School -week commencing 8th March

Yr	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Test 1 Remote Learning	Arrive 8.30 induction Lessons from P2	Arrive 10.30 Lessons P2-5	Arrive 10.30 Lessons P2-5	Arrive 950 Lessons P2-5
8	Remote Learning	Remote Learning from P2	Remote Learning from P2	Test 1 Remote Learning from P2	Arrive 8.30 Induction Lessons from P2
9	Remote Learning	Remote Learning from P2	Remote Learning from P2	Remote Learning from P2	Test 1 Remote Learning from P2
10	Remote Learning	Remote Learning from P2	Test 1 Remote Learning from P2	Arrive 9.10 induction Lessons P2-5	Arrive 9.30 Lesson from P2
11	Remote Learning	Test 1 Remote Learning from P2	Arrive 9.10 Lessons P2-5	Arrive 10.30 Lessons P2-5	Arrive 9.50 Lesson from P2
12	Remote learning	Remote Learning from P2	Test 1 25% Remote Learning from P2	Test 1 75% Remote Learning from P2	Arrive 8.30 induction Lessons from P2
13	Test 1 50% Remote Learning	Test 1 50% Remote Learning from P2	Arrive 9.10 induction Lessons P2-5	Arrive 10.10 Lessons P2-5	Arrive 9.30 Lessons form P2

Return to School -week commencing 15th March

Yr	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Test 2 Arrive 10.30 Lessons from P2	Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT
8	Arrive 10.30 Lessons from P2	Normal TT	Normal TT	Test 2 Normal TT	Normal TT
9	Arrive 9.10 Induction Lessons from P2	Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT	Test 2 Normal TT
10	Arrive 10.10 Lessons from P2	Normal TT	Test 2 Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT
11	Arrive 10.30 Lessons from P2	Test 2 Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT
12	Arrive 10.10 Lessons from P2	Normal TT	Test 2 25% Normal TT	Test 2 75% Normal TT	Normal TT
13	Test 2 50% Arrive 10.10 Lessons from P2	Test 2 50% Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT	Normal TT

Please find below the school day Monday to Thursday and then the school day on Friday. None of this has changed from December 2020.

School timetable Monday - Thursday - no change

Yr	CDW 8.30-9.10	P1 9.10-10.10	P2 10.10-11.30 Inc. break	P3 11.30-12.30	P4 12.30-14.00 Inc. lunch	P5 14.00-15.00	Break Area	Wet Weather Area
7	Arrive 8.30		Break 10.10-10.30		Lunch 12.30-13.00	Depart 14.40	Yr7 Canteen Table Tennis Area	Yr7 Canteen
8	Arrive 8.30		Break 10.10-10.30		Lunch 12.30-13.00	Depart 14.40	M canteen lhs Bowl	Main Hall
9	Arrive 8.45		Break 11.10-11.30		Lunch 13.30-14.00	Depart 14.50	M block lhs Table Tennis area	M canteen lhs Gym 1
10	Arrive 8.50		Break 11.10-11.30		Lunch 13.30-14.00	Depart 14.50	M block rhs Main Field	M canteen lhs Main Hall
11	Arrive 8.40		Break 10.10-10.30		Lunch 12.30-13.00	Depart 15.00	M block rhs Main Field	M canteen rhs Gym 1
12	Arrive 8.50		Break 11.10-11.30		Lunch 12.30-13.00	Depart 15.00	Sixth Form	Sixth Form
13	Arrive 8.50		Break 11.10-11.30		Lunch 12.30-13.00	Depart 15.00	Sixth Form	Sixth Form

School timetable Friday no CDW or line up - no change

Yr	P1 830-930	P2 9.30-10.50 Inc. break	P3 1050-1150	P4 1150-1250	Break Area	Wet Weather Area
7	Arrive 8.30	Break 9.30-9.50		Depart 1230	Yr7 Canteen Table Tennis Area	Yr7 Canteen
8	Arrive 8.30	Break 9.30-9.50		Depart 1230	M canteen rhs Bowl	Main Hall
9	Arrive 8.45	Break 10.30-10.50		Depart 1240	M block rhs Table Tennis area	M canteen lhs Gym 1
10	Arrive 8.50	Break 10.30-10.50		Depart 1240	M block lhs Main Field	M canteen lhs Main Hall
11	Arrive 8.40	Break 9.30-9.50		Depart 1250	M block lhs Main Field	M canteen rhs Gym 1
12	Arrive 8.30	Break 10.30-10.50		Depart 1250	Sixth Form	Sixth Form
13	Arrive 8.30	Break 10.30-10.50		Depart 1250	Sixth Form	Sixth Form



Break & Lunch time Areas - no change



Break & Lunch

- Ensure you bring your own water bottle
- The canteen is fully open for "grab and go" food
- Follow the rules and signs in the canteen at all times
- Students who are eligible for free school meals will continue to be able access these
- Face covering must be worn in the canteen
- Litter must be disposed of in bins
- Respect that other students will be in lessons so students must go to their areas as quickly as possible

Year	Break & Lunch Zone	Break	Lunch
7	Yr7 Canteen Table Tennis Field	10.10-10.30	12.30-13.00
8	M block canteen (rhs) Bowl	10.10-10.30	12.30-13.00
9	M block canteen (rhs) Table Tennis field	11.10-11.30	13.30-14.00
10	M block canteen (lhs) Main field	11.10-11.30	13.30-14.00
11	M block (lhs) Main field	10.10-10.30	12.30-13.00
12	Sixth Form Centre	11.10-11.30	12.30-13.00
13	Sixth Form Centre	11.10-11.30	12.30-13.00

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This letter is content heavy and I will write a separate letter outlining how the school will approach Centre Assessed Grades for students due to take exams this year.

Can I assure you that we are genuinely pleased to have all our students back and we very much look forward to seeing them in the week beginning the 8.3.21.

With warmest wishes

Ms C Reid
Executive Headteacher

Covid-19 Response Update - Spring 2021

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963491/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021.pdf

The guidance provided to schools is found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963541/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

Scientific evidence for Government decision to reopen schools from 8/3/2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evidence-summary-covid-19-children-youngpeople-and-education-settings?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuknotifications&utm_source=9aef9923-bacf-486a-83bc-6afe6dba6215&utm_content=immediately