



THE FOUNTAINS HIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Gareth Allen

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As we look forward to Monday and welcoming all our students back I wanted to update you all on how things will continue to run for the remainder of the term. I apologise if you have received any of this information before, but I felt it necessary to provide you with as much information as I can.

Safety and Risk Assessments

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff are paramount and we continue to be guided by government advice and we are keen to focus on how we get Fountains High School up and running again for the whole community. Plans are based on the hierarchy of measures recommended by the government. Our approach is based on comprehensive risk assessments at an individual and school level, which will be carried out to ensure that all necessary precautions are being taken. These have been updated as guidance and legislation has changed and also with the inclusion of lateral flow testing.

Protective measures will include the continuing practice of maintaining 'bubbles' of staff and students, unwell staff and students staying away from school and rigorous cleaning and hygiene regimes. We will be limiting visitors, staggering start, finish and break times, avoiding large group gatherings, and not using public transport unless there is no alternative. Full engagement with the NHS Test and Trace process will continue. All staff and students will be offered twice weekly home lateral flow tests in addition to the recently announced lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

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Face coverings should be worn (unless exempt) by all staff, visitors and students in all indoor areas. Face coverings are available should someone forget their own, or need a replacement. If your child wears a face covering, please remember to send them with a clear plastic re-sealable bag to keep it in when they take it off.

Our staff have put an inordinate amount of work into ensuring that the school environment remains safe and as welcoming as it can be, and that those pupils unable to attend school have been provided with on-line learning resources, assistance and support in their own homes.

All pupils will return on Monday 8th March, (unless they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable – CEV.) There will be an elongated tutor session to settle students and staff, calm any anxieties, confirm expectations, pupil timetables and other arrangements. Tutor groups have been organised into teaching sets with your child being placed with other students of similar ability within their key stage. Students and their support staff will remain in the same classroom bubble with the same groupings. To minimise movement between bubbles teaching staff will remain with their tutor group for all lessons up until at least the Easter holidays.

Arrival and Departure

To limit the number of people on-site and to avoid creating congestion points, we would ask all parents and carers that drop off their child to use the front entrance car park. They will need to drive around the roundabout as directed by school staff, they will then stop but remain in their vehicles until their child is collected by school staff. This process will happen in reverse at the end of the day. Please try to aim for the following times:

Phase	Drop off	Collection
KS3 (Years 7,8,9)	08:40-08:50	14:40-14:50
KS4 (Years 10,11)	08:50-09:00	14:50-15:00
KS5 (Years 12,13,14)	09:00-09:10	15:00-15:10

Parents and young people that walk should also aim for the above times. We ask that they wait on the pathway leading to the hall door, abiding by social distancing recommendations and wear face coverings. We understand that it may sometimes be difficult to pick up and drop off your child within the usual time frames, especially if their siblings are at different schools. However, all students should not leave early at the end of the day for anything other than pre-arranged 'one-off' reasons (typically to attend medical appointments). I'm sure you can agree that all our students are entitled to a full education.

All minibuses will use the back-car park, with taxis' and parents using the front entrance.

For the first few weeks, whilst we are all re-adjusting to another new normal, there will be no Toast Club, however toast can still be purchased at 10p a slice (via Parent Pay) and will be taken to the classrooms on arrival. After school clubs will not resume immediately, due to the students involved being in separate bubbles during the day.

This schedule is subject to change but we hope that it helps families to plan in some way for March and to know that we are emerging from lockdown with a positive view on the horizon.

Kind regards



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