

nishkamhighschool birmingham



Year 10/12 Partial Return to School from June 15th Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

The school has been closed for a long time and the water has been sitting in the pipes, is it safe for my child to drink it when they are in school?

Yes. The School has been open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children during the crisis and all statutory testing has still been completed. Areas that have not been used have had an enhanced flushing programme implemented.

How regularly is the school cleaned?

During the closure the school has received a full deep clean. We are only planning on using the ground floor classrooms and we have arranged with our cleaning contractors to have these deep cleaned every day in all areas that have been used by students and/or staff.

Will there be food or drink on sale?

No food is on sale at this time to students in Waves 1 & 3 (Yr 10 & 12). We strongly recommend students bring their own bottle of pre-filled water.

Will there be a first aider on site?

A first aider will be onsite or easily contactable during the times that the school is open.

Will there be a safeguarding member of staff in school?

Yes, or someone will be easily contactable.

Will there be a Senior Leader in school all the time?

Yes.

If my child becomes ill at home and has been in school for some sessions, do I need to notify the school? Who do I notify?

Yes. Please notify the school by calling reception in the usual manner as soon as possible.

How will children know they are 2m away from each other?

Signage and posters will be around the site and in the classrooms, staff will also be reminding students to keep 2m apart.

Will teachers be 2m away from the children?

Yes. Rooms have been designed in a way that everyone is 2m apart and whilst there will be movement to the classrooms at the start of sessions and afterwards, as students leave, all involved will endeavour to maintain sufficient social distancing guidelines.

Will there be hand sanitiser available?

Hand sanitiser will be on the wall by the door as students enter. There are also a number of dispensers throughout the school. Handwashing will take place when students arrive. Moisturiser dispensers are also accessible in the school.

Should my child be wearing a facemask?

The government guidance states that they do not need to wear a mask, however if they choose to, they can.

Should my child be wearing gloves?

Gloves may be worn, but these provide no more protection than frequently washing hands.

If my family have been contacted by track and trace, do I need to contact the school?

Yes, please contact reception as soon as possible.

Will I be notified if the teacher has developed COVID-19 symptoms?

Yes.

If my child is unwell but doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms can they still come into school?

No. Students will be sent home at the first signs of illness regardless of symptoms. Students showing signs of Covid-19 will be isolated until parents can collect them. The school medical room will be used. When the student has been collected, arrangements will be made for an extra deep clean to take place.

If I am in a shielding group, do I have to send my child into school?

No.

Will there be reminders to wash hands etc?

Yes. Posters are being put up around the site and students will be expected to sanitise their hands upon entry to the building.

Can students go anywhere on site?

No, students will only be allowed into the rooms for their sessions and once sessions finish, they will be escorted off site, through the relevant gate, as per the plan.

What will happen if there is a fire alarm?

Students will be asked to evacuate the building in the normal way, gathering on the main playground in their form group lines, whilst maintaining social distancing at all times.

What will happen if more children than expected turn up and it is not safe?

We have made sure that we have catered for maximum occupancy across years 10 and 12, following the Government's guidance of 25% from each cohort being allowed on site, at any one time.

Will I be taken to court if my child doesn't attend school?

No and there will be no fines.

Are all students arriving/leaving at the same time?

No. Within the timetable it states start and finish times, which are staggered depending on the Wave the student is in (1, 2 or 3). Students MUST arrive at their stated arrival time so that they can enter via the correct gate. Latecomers will not be admitted and equally turning up too early should be avoided to avoid unnecessary queueing. If any student has an appointment during the day, they should not attend school that day.

Can I meet my child outside school?

Where possible students should be traveling to and from school alone (walking or cycling) and not on public transport. This reduces the amount of people traveling to and from one location at a time and means that it will be easier to observe social distancing. We ask that parents and carers and other

students should not congregate / meet outside the school gates but model social distancing to their children, staying 2m apart. Please do not gather at entrance gates or enter the site without a prearranged appointment.

Do students have to use particular entrances?

Yes, this has been shared in the student plan.

How are you going to stop children hanging around in groups before school?

All students will be directed to the correct queue and asked to line up 2m apart. Staff will be on duty to ensure this happens.

How are you going to limit exposure to other children when my child is moving around the corridors?

The rota is designed that your child will only use one classroom, with a small number of others for the two-hour session.

How will you ensure social distancing in the corridors and around school?

Movement around the school has been limited and so have the numbers on site at any one time. Students will be escorted into the school building in their respective groups, which is likely to be no more than 6 students at a time, with one accompanying teacher.

Are students allowed mobile phones in school?

Yes, but they are not allowed to use them during the sessions or around the site.

Do they have to come in uniform?

Yes, however, blazers are not required.

Will students be supervised before and after school around the site?

Students will be escorted to their queue on arrival and escorted from their classroom at the end of the session.

How many children will be in school at any one time?

At a maximum, 44 across Year 10 and Year 12. They will be kept separate and will exist within their own social bubble within their classroom.

How many children will be in a group?

Between 4 and 8 students.

Will my child have to bring equipment in with them?

Yes, and equipment is not to be shared with anyone else.

Do students need to bring exercise books with them?

Yes, if they are unable to find their exercise books please send them with paper.

Will students get a break?

No, they will only be in school for a two-hour session.

Will my child be exposed to lots of different staff?

No, they will see one member of staff in the lesson and a minimum amount of staff are on site on any one day. Once in a group your son/daughter cannot move into a different one and will remain with their one member of staff covering that specific subject.

If my child is in school does that mean they no longer have to complete the work set online?

All students will be expected to continue with the online learning. The sessions in school are additional academic mentoring to support the ongoing online material teachers are posting and setting.

My child does not have access to a computer at home. Will work for the remainder of the week be sent home for them?

Work packs for those without computers will be passed on to pupils when they are on site. If you choose not to send your child to school, they will be posted out to you.

Where will I find the rota for each week?

Rotas will be shared within class Edmodo groups.

Will the staff with the children be teachers?

Yes, all sessions are currently staffed by subject specific teachers.

If my child isn't in a group with their friends can they move group? No.

Will my child be doing practical activities?

No practical subjects are happening at this time.

Will the timetable remain the same until the end of term?

We will continue to follow the up to date government guidance.

Will the students be able to go to the toilet during their two-hour session?

Yes, but only one at a time.