

# St Edmund Campion Catholic School

## Questions and Answers for Parents: Year 10 and 12 Provision



**Updated: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May the Prime Minister announced that face to face contact for year 10 and 12 pupils would begin on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Subsequent guidance was published the following day and can be read here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

The guidance does mean that we will need to make some changes to the provisional plans previously published. These are outlined within this document.

- **What updates does the guidance provide that affect our planning?**

- Pupils in years 10 and 12 will now be welcomed back from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** should parents wish to send in their child
- We are now able to have more pupils in a venue if we are able to socially distance the pupils (e.g. using hall and sports hall)
- We are only allowed to have the same pupils in school on any given day
- We can have up to a quarter of the cohort in school at any one time
- There is an understanding that at secondary level pupils will have different teachers
- Pupils should remain in the same groups throughout where possible. It is recognised that this is challenging when pupils are doing different subjects and so any changes should be minimal.

- **My child is in year 10 or 12. Will it be compulsory for them to attend?**

No. The choice to send pupils in to school lies with parents. We would like to see all pupils at some point. However pupil attendance figures will not be affected and you will not be fined if you decide against sending your child in to school.

You should by now have informed us whether you intend to take up the place for your child.

- **How has the provision plan changed?**

- There is no change to the planned provision for year 12
- There is no change to the planned provision for key worker/vulnerable (KWV) pupils

There are changes to the provision for year 10 due to the need to have only the same pupils in school each day.

- Year 10 will have one 75 minute lesson of Maths, English, Science and RE each week.
- They will come in to school on only two days each week and have two of the lessons on one day. There will be no break in between to avoid pupils moving around school
- Their day starts at 9.45 and ends at 12.15 (There will be no lunch provided)

- The pupils will be situated in either the school hall or the sports hall to ensure social distancing.

We will also be setting work for them to do between lessons for them to bring in to school. All pupils will be expected to complete this work.

Your child will receive an individual timetable soon.

- **Will children be taught by their class teacher?**

Not necessarily but they will be taught by subject specialists.

- **What time will the school day start and finish?**

Lessons begin at 9.45 and end at 12.15. Your child should not arrive before 9.30

- **How many days will my child be in school?**

They will be in school for two days each week.

The days vary depending on which group they have been allocated to.

- **What are the arrangements for students arriving and leaving in school?**

Students will be entering the building through the main school entrance via Holly Lane. They will be required to line up and keep a two-metre distance. We will have clearly identified this on the pavement.

Students will only be able to exit via the back gate (Orphanage Rd) and will be quickly escorted off site so that the back gates can be locked to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

**Pupils should make their way home immediately without congregating. They must not wait for others at the school gates at the end of their session.**

Dismissal will be staggered to avoid this.

- **When does this provision begin?**

The first lessons will begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and will continue until the summer holidays.

- **Can you guarantee my child will not contract coronavirus?**

No. However the measures we intend to put in place will make school as safe as possible.

- **How do you intend to maintain social distancing?**

On entry to school, pupils will be asked to wait in a line 2m from each other just as the supermarkets do. We will be using both the front and back entrances to stagger entry and exit to and from school.

Pupils will be situated in the hall and sports hall and will remain at the same desk throughout. These desks will be measured so that they are over 2m away from each other.

**We would ask that you emphasise with your children about the importance of keeping a safe distance from each other and making their way home as soon as their session has finished.**

- **What measures will be in place to ensure good hygiene?**

The school has been deep cleaned and all rooms sanitised. There will be additional cleaning support on site and they will be directed to clean all venues in use before and after every lesson.

We have a stock of hand sanitizer in school and we will ensure all pupils use this regularly. If you can send your child in to school with their own hand sanitizer this will help our stocks last longer.

Hand wash stations have been installed in the playground and there will be hand sanitizer stations around the school.

All carpets in the school have been deep cleaned.

Please note that the guidance does not require staff to wear PPE. Those staff administering first aid and checking for symptoms will have some PPE.

- **What happens if my child displays symptoms?**

It is extremely important that you do not send your child in to school if they have any of the COVID 19 symptoms. This is the dry continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste and/or smell. If he or she does display symptoms you should get them tested as soon as possible and isolate for seven days. You should provide the school with evidence of the negative test result should you wish your child to return to school.

If your child displays symptoms in school we will isolate them immediately and contact parents to arrange for them to be sent home.

- **Can my child wear their own PPE?**

Yes but this will not be provided by the school.

- **What happens if my child needs to go to the toilet?**

For the safety of all students we want to limit their movement around the building, and it is hoped that toilet breaks will not be needed. However, if a pupil does need the toilet they will be escorted by a member of staff and will need to ensure thorough handwashing.

- **Will there be any lunch service?**

No. We will not be providing any food in school during this time for year 10 or 12 pupils. Those of you entitled to free school meals will continue to receive these vouchers.

- **Will you provide equipment?**

All work will be completed in one notebook which we will provide.

Your child will need to have their own equipment for use. They will only need pens

- **Does my child have to wear uniform?**

Yes. But please do not send them in to school with a tie or a blazer.

Pupils should wear their school trousers, shirt, jumper (if wished) and shoes. Year 12 should continue to wear the clothes they usually wear to Sixth Form. Some parents have contacted us regarding issues with shoes. If this is the case we may relax some rules around shoes but you must let us know during the phonecall you will receive.

- **Will parents be allowed on site?**

No other people will be allowed on site except those identified school staff. If parents need to speak to school please contact the office through the normal channels. Telephone: 0121 464 7700. Email: [enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk)

**If you are dropping off your child you must not drive through the school site but drop them off outside school.**

- **What about subjects not included in the provision timetable?**

Teachers will continue to set work in all subjects through classcharts as normal. This is expected to be completed. We will be focussing efforts on the core subjects of Maths, English, RE, Science, History, Geography, Spanish and Computer Science.

We will also be setting work between lessons that must be completed.

- **Can my son/daughter see their other teachers?**

Unfortunately, this will not be possible as we are trying to limit the interactions that pupils have to ensure their safety.

- **Siblings in other year groups. Will they be able to attend as well?**

If they are in the vulnerable category or you are a key worker, your child will be able to attend. Otherwise no other pupils will be allowed on site.

- **What are the best ways for my child to come to school?**

Use of public transport should be a last resort.

It is recommended that parents drop off their child (entrance will be Holly Lane) or pupils can cycle or walk and we will make arrangements for pupils to lock up their bikes.

**If you are dropping your child off please drop them outside school. You must not drive through the school premises.**

- **What does my child need to bring with them?**

They should only bring the following

- Pens
- Water bottle (already filled) (The water dispensers will be switched off in school)
- Their notebook which will be provided for them on day one.
- Any work that has been set and is required in on that day

- **Can my child attend if they are on the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable list?**

There are two categories of vulnerability. Extremely vulnerable and vulnerable. The lists are below for each category.

**No, the Government advice is that these pupils must stay at home.**

Some young people have health conditions that mean they are more likely to get very unwell and might have to go to hospital if they catch coronavirus (COVID-19). These people are described as being clinically extremely vulnerable and include those who:

1. have had a solid organ transplant – kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, or lung
2. are having treatments for some cancers
3. have severe long-term lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma
4. have rare diseases that increase their risk of infection
5. are on medication that compromises their immune system and so are much more likely to get infections and become seriously unwell from them
6. are pregnant with significant heart disease

- **My son/daughter lives with someone who has a serious underlying health condition, who is taking shielding measures, what should they do?**

If a pupil lives in a household with someone who is **extremely critically vulnerable**, as set out in the guidance on Shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable, it is advised that they do not attend school.

If a pupil lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting. This is however the choice of parents/carers.

- **Is my child clinically vulnerable?**

If your child has the following health conditions, they are clinically vulnerable, meaning that they are at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. They are advised to stay at home as much as possible.

Clinically vulnerable people are those who are:

- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (that is, anyone instructed to get a flu jab each year on medical grounds):
- chronic (long-term) mild to moderate respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
- chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), or cerebral palsy
- diabetes
- a weakened immune system as the result of certain conditions, treatments like chemotherapy, or medicines such as steroid tablets
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)
- pregnant women

- **My child has a condition on the Clinically Vulnerable list and wants to attend school?**

If this is the case you must contact Mrs Fleming on [flemingj@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](mailto:flemingj@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk) to discuss this in more detail. Individual risk assessments are required to be completed and would require input from parents.

- **My child is in Year 10 and is currently attending the Key Worker/vulnerable provision what should they do when 'face to face' Year 10 sessions begin?**

Your child will be allocated a Year 10 group and once that session has finished, they will be supervised to complete their set work.

- **How will you keep accurate registers?**

To ensure we keep everyone on site safe we have allocated students to different groups. They are not allowed to move groups and will be registered at the start of every session. Students will not be admitted into school unless you have registered them for a place. You must give 24 hours' notice if you require a place in school and have not already given your son/daughter's name. This is to ensure the safety of all students and staff and to adhere to the Government advice on class sizes.

- **I have changed my mind and would now like to take up a place**

You should by now have completed the parentmail form indicating your wish or otherwise for your child to take up their place at school. If this is not the case you must email [enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk) immediately and we may be able to add your child to the list (although this is not guaranteed)

**Until your child has been allocated a group and a time they must not come in to school**

- **My child has been significantly affected by the Lockdown and Covid 19. What support will the school be able to offer?**

We will carry out regular check ins with pupils and have ensured that our Safeguarding Team are available to work with identified pupils. They will make contact with any pupils who require additional support.

The weekly safeguarding newsletter sent through parentmail contains a lot of information to support you and your family during this challenging time.

- **Are there any changes to the school's behaviour policy?**

Yes there are some amendments during this time. We are expecting excellent behaviour from all pupils especially at this time when there is an added risk to safety. The amendments are to ensure the well being and safety of all pupils, staff and families. A brief summary is outlined below:

- There will be no detentions during this time. However parents will be contacted immediately if a concern arises and may be required to collect a child from school.
- The Headteacher reserves the right to end the placement of any pupil who is disrupting learning or failing to adhere to the COVID 19 expectations that will be set out to all pupils on their first day in school
- Persistent failure to adhere to stringent social distancing measures may result in the placement being ended
- Any action that potentially endangers another person will be dealt with swiftly and severely.

- **What Happens next?**

We are currently in the process of producing individual timetables

- During the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June (and probably sooner) you will receive a parentmail message and a phonecall.
- Both will provide details of your child's timetable including which days they are expected in school
- During the phonecall we will have a series of questions to ask you to ensure that you and your child are fully understanding of all the details.

All you need to do now is wait for the school to contact you with your child's timetable

Please take the time to go through this information with your child and action anything required.  
E.g. around equipment, uniform etc