

St Edmund Campion Catholic School

Questions and Answers for Parents: Year 7 Provision



29th June 2020

On the 15th June the government updated it's guidance on schools providing some face to face contact for year groups other than years 10 and 12. The guidance states the following:

We know that secondary schools are keen to invite pupils in other year groups in for a face-to-face meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial. As long as this happens in line with this and wider protective measures guidance, and guidance on the numbers of pupils permitted on-site at any one time, we would encourage this where possible. This time can be used to check-in on pupils, and ensure they are supported before a return to school from September or moving into employment or the next stage of education.

With this in mind myself and the leadership team have decided that it would be beneficial for pupils in years 7 to have some face to face contact with their heads of year and form tutors during the final week of term. Below are some questions and answers that I have answered in anticipation of your queries and potential concerns.

Regards

Mr Grant

- **My child is in year 7. Will it be compulsory for them to attend?**

No. The choice to send pupils into school lies with parents. However we would like to see all pupils and believe it is important for pupils to experience the school environment once more before September.

- **When is this likely to happen?**

We will invite pupils in a form group at a time on one set day between Monday 13th July and Thursday 16th July. We will send details of this timetable to individual form groups so you are clear on the day and the time.

- **What will this provision look like?**

Your children will be in school for 1 ½ hours and be located in either the sports hall or the main hall.

The timings will either be 9.45 – 11.15

This will be a key opportunity for us to touch base with your child and make sure they are ready for next year.

The timetable is:

Monday 13th July	7Edmund (LSU)	7 Owen (AMC)
Tuesday 14th July	7 Plasden (TBU)	7 Newman (BCH)
Wednesday 15th July	7 Alban (JBI)	7 Morse (LMA)
Thursday 16th July	7 Ignatius (KHO)	7 Clitherow (SPA)

- **Who will be delivering the provision?**

It will be a combination of form tutor, Head of Year and the senior leadership team

- **What time will my child need to be in school for?**

Lessons begin at 9.45 so we would ask that you do not send your child in to school before 9.25

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

They will be in school for one day. Which day this is depends on which form group they are in.

- **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 have clear markings for 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 13th July

- **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. Those of you entitled to free school meals will continue to receive these vouchers.

- **Will you provide equipment?**

Your child will need to have their own equipment for use. They will only need pens and we will provide a booklet for them to complete

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

Yes. We understand that there are some uniform issues and challenges since lockdown so please send your child in to school in as close to new uniform as possible.

- **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

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

- **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.

- **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.

Pupils will be dismissed via the Orphanage Rd entrance so if you are collecting your child please be aware of this.

- **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)

- **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 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 7 or 8 and is currently attending the Key Worker/vulnerable provision what should they do on their day?**

We will make arrangements so that they can still do their session and also have the key worker/vulnerable provision. You should send your child in as normal.

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

The safeguarding team 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 if my child is late to school?**

Your child will not be admitted to a session late. They must leave in plenty of time so as not to be late.

- **What Happens next?**

We will be sending out a parentmail form for you to complete to let us know whether or not you intend to send in your child. Please complete this asap.

Please note: We are not able to change any days. If you cannot make the day allocated for your child's form we will be unable to accommodate them.