

GHS Re-opening – September 2020

Frequently asked questions



Do I have to return to school?



Government have outlined that all students should now return to school as normal. You should not come into school if you have Covid-19 symptoms such as a temperature, persistent cough and/or loss of smell and/or taste. Return to school is important for both student wellbeing and to enable a full return to academic learning.

What if I am anxious?



We have put in many steps to ensure safety for students including increased hand sanitizing stations, increased, rigorous cleaning, staggered arrival in separate gates, year group bubbles and different procedures around break and lunchtime. These procedures are designed to minimize mixing and also ensure high standards of hygiene. If you remain anxious, please contact your Head of Year in September, who will be able to re-assure you further.

What other hygiene measures will be in place?



In addition to the measures above, there will be increased ventilation in place, more regular cleaning of toilets, closure of the sixth form turnstiles, additional cleaning of subject specific equipment and additional disinfectant

wipes available in classrooms. Wall mounted hand sanitisers will be stationed around the site.

Are special provisions being made for vulnerable children such as those with asthma?



If you are particularly concerned about your child, due to a specific vulnerability, please contact Mrs Grimley at lgrimley@greenford.ealing.sch.uk. Mrs Grimley will work with our Welfare Officer to look at further accommodations that may be able to be made for your child.

I live with my elderly grandparents. Can I stay at home?



Government advice on shielding changed from the 1st August 2020. Government advice now states that all those who are living with someone who is vulnerable are now advised to go to school as normal.

Why can't I just carry on working remotely at home?



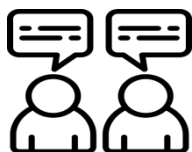
As staff will be teaching their classes as normal from September, there will be no capacity to deliver online learning for individuals. If students are self-isolating due to the NHS Test and Trace system, or, if there is a local lockdown, we will provide online learning for them via google classroom.

Will school feel normal or will there be lots of changes?



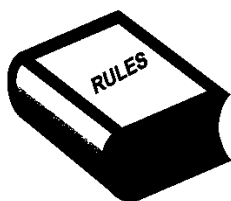
There will be some changes to the way that we move around school and the way that classrooms are set up. Everyone will also need to get into the habit of washing their hands frequently and staying apart. It is also really important that students enter school using the gate allocated to them and arrive at the time assigned to them. We are trying really hard to ensure that much of school remains the same; teachers are really looking forward to seeing their students again and teaching properly. We are also offering a full range of subjects and will be offering lots of pastoral support to help students ease back into school effectively.

Will I be able to interact with my friends?



Students will be in year group bubbles to move around school, take lunch and break together and interact in classrooms together. There will be plenty of opportunities to spend time with each other – just at a bit more of a distance!

Will there be lots of rules?



We will need to impose some new rules about social distancing and movement around school. When we opened up in June for Year 10 and Year 12, behaviour was outstanding. We know that our students will want to do the right thing to help keep everyone safe. We will be outlining all of the new rules and procedures during the inductions we have arranged in September.

What happens if I break the rules?



Our usual behaviour policy will apply – sanctions will be put in place, ranging from a warning through to exclusion for very serious offences.

Will I get in trouble if I did no work during lockdown?



We are seeing September as a new start for everyone. We would ask you to be honest, and tell your teachers if you did very little. That way, we can support you to catch up in a manageable way.

Can I wear a mask?



Although it is not compulsory to wear a mask, you may if you choose to. However, if you wear a mask on the way to school, you will need to change it on arrival, for hygiene reasons.

Will all of the teachers be wearing masks?



Teachers do not have to wear masks, but may choose to do so if they wish.

What will happen at break and lunchtime?



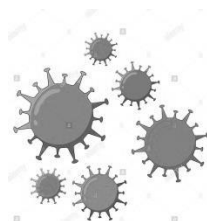
Where possible, all students should bring a packed lunch to school. If you are unable to bring a packed lunch, you can order one. Parents will need to pre-order packed lunches for a month at a time and we will need to know 5 days in advance, if your child wishes to have a packed lunch for the following month. At breaktime, no food will be available to purchase – students will need to bring in their own snacks and drink. We are unable to use the dining hall for safety reasons, as it is not big enough to safely get everybody through for lunch / break. Students on free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

What should I do if I have PE?



If you have PE, we will be asking you to come to school wearing your kit. We will provide more info about this during the induction we will be providing in September. We are not able to use the PE changing rooms for safety reasons, so you will need to stay in your kit all day.

What happens if there is a case of Covid-19 in the school?



If a child, or member of staff, tests positive for Covid-19, then everybody who has been in contact with that child or teacher (in the small teaching group or 'bubble') will have to self-isolate for 14 days. We will provide more information about this at the time, if we encounter this situation.

Do I need to wear uniform?

All students need to wear full uniform as from September.



Shirt ✓

Tie ✓

Trousers/

Skirt ✓

Blazer ✓

What equipment should I bring?



Students will need to bring in a full set of stationery equipment every day. We are unable to hand out stationery items for hygiene reasons.

How can find out more?



Please continue to check www.greenford.ealing.sch.uk and your email for more updates.