



2 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Opening w/b 8th March 2021

Following the recent government announcement, we are absolutely delighted to be welcoming all students back to school in the week beginning 8 March 2021. I write to provide further detail about arrangements for opening.

Attendance

Student attendance is mandatory from the first day that your child is expected in school unless your child has been provided with a shielding letter. If they have, please contact nurse@harrogatehighschool.co.uk. We attach a useful infographic relating to attendance.

Self-isolation and Shielding

A small number of children and young people may be unable to attend in line with public health advice to self-isolate. You should **not** send your child to school if they:

- have symptoms or live in a household with someone who has symptoms;
- have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms;
- live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms;
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19);
- are required to self-isolate for travel-related reasons.

Face Masks

The school will adhere to the following government advice: *'For students in Year 7 and above, face coverings should be worn (unless exempt for health or disability reasons)'*. Students will be required to wear a face covering on corridors and in lessons but are **not** expected to wear the mask when they are eating or drinking, or when they are outside.

Wearing a face covering in classrooms is being introduced by the government for a limited amount of time, until Easter, when it will be reviewed and further guidance will be provided.

Please support your child by ensuring they have packed their face masks before leaving for school. We would advise packing a spare so that, if one becomes damp, they can change it for a fresh one. Government guidance suggests that any used masks be put in a sealable plastic bag for washing at home (unless your child is using disposable masks).

Testing and Staggered Return

All students will be offered testing from 8 March, which will take place in the school sports hall. Students who have parental consent for testing will return to face-to-face education following their first negative result. If you do not consent, your child will not be stopped from attending lessons and will return to school at the same time as their peers.

If you haven't done so already **please can you ensure you complete the online questionnaire** which informs school whether you do/don't consent to your child(ren) being tested – [click here](#)'





We will share further details relating to your child's testing time soon via the school's In Touch text messaging service, however, given that students are expected to be tested three times, with 3-5 days between each test, we have arranged for testing on the following days:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Years for testing</u>	<u>Information</u>
Friday 5 th March	Year 11 (am) Year 10 (pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 10 and 11 students are tested and will return home
Monday 8 th March	Year 7 (am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 7 students are tested and attend lessons in school• Years 10/11 students attend school as normal for lessons
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 8 (am) Year 9 (pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 8 students are tested and attend school• Year 9 students are tested and will return home• Years 7/10/11 attend school as normal for lessons
Wednesday 10 th March	Years 11 and 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students will have returned to school• Years 10/11 second test
Thursday 11 th March	Year 7	Second test
Friday 12 th March	Years 8 & 9	Second test
Monday 15 th March	Years 11 & 10	Third test
Tuesday 16 th March	Year 7	Third test
Wednesday 17 th March	Years 8 & 9	Third test

Government advice

Our staff have worked very hard to ensure detailed risk assessments and control measures are in place that have been approved by governors.

The government have sent useful up-to-date advice for parents/carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Key worker bubble

Students in the key worker bubble can continue to attend school as they have been, learning in their year group bubble, until their peers return on the days mentioned above.

Covid-19 procedures (many of these remain the same as those in place last term):

- Government guidance indicates that students should remain in year group 'bubbles' and should not mix with other year groups, to reduce the chance of transmission. As a result, there will be a **staggered start and finish time for each year group**, that must be strictly adhered to.
- All staff and students will follow the **one-way system on corridors** in school.





- Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) will remain in their tutor group class in a set zone for all lessons other than Physical Education. Specialist teachers will move, rather than students.
- Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) will attend lessons in their zone area and will also use specialist classrooms, where needed in the curriculum.
- Students will have break and lunch with peers from their year group only, using either the sports hall or school hall. Break will be staggered throughout period 2 and we will continue to stagger lunch over period 4.
- Each year group will have an allocated unisex toilet area, supervised by staff.

The following details are provided for each year group:

Year 7

- Arrival time: 08.10
- Line up at the front entrance (Reception)
- 8.30am: attend form
- Zone: Humanities rooms, 101-105
- Toilets: ground floor (orange)
- 2.25pm: finish school

Year 8

- Arrival time: 08.15
- Line up at the front entrance (Next to the playground)
- 8.30am: attend form
- Zone: MFL and English rooms, 107-112
- Toilets: first floor (orange)
- 2.30pm: finish school

Year 9

- Arrival time: 08.15
- Line up at the back entrance
- 8.30am: attend form
- Zone: Maths, Technology and Art rooms, 201-205
- Toilets: second floor (orange)
- 2.35pm: finish school

Year 10

- Arrival time: 8.20
- Line up at the front entrance (Reception)
- 8.30am: attend form
- Zone: English rooms, 113-118
- Toilets: first floor (green)
- 2.30pm: finish school

Year 11

- Arrival time: 08.15
- Line up at the side gate (next to the garden)
- 8.30am: attend form
- Zone: Science rooms, 206-214



- Toilets: second floor (green)
- 2.35pm: finish school

Hygiene

Students will be encouraged to wash and sanitise hands regularly.

- All equipment and work areas will be cleaned after use.
- Full-time cleaners will be on site to ensure regular cleaning takes place.
- 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' essential and reinforced by all.

On arrival to school, students will line up on marked lines (2m apart) and will wash hands for at least 20 seconds at the temporary outdoor sinks provided at the front and back of school. Students must not arrive before their allocated time, to prevent bubbles mixing and to ensure students are supervised at all times.

Equipment

Students were previously provided with:

- a mini whiteboard and marker
- a purple pen for self-assessment in lessons

Students must bring their own bag (that should fit an A4 folder) and pencil case which should include a minimum of a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. Students should also bring a basic geometry/maths set including protractor, ruler, compass and set square. A scientific calculator is also required (e.g.: Casio FX-85GTX GCSE).

Uniform

Students will attend in full uniform, however, students are able to attend school in full PE kit **only** on days where they have PE or Dance. Government advice indicates that where possible PE lessons should be outside, therefore we would advise purchasing the outdoor base layer or PE hoodie from Rawcliffe's, if your child does not already have this. Should you require any further financial support at this time, the school can also lend outdoor HHS clothing to students for PE lessons. Attached is a full uniform and PE list.

ParentPay and School Meals.

Students will have been issued with a pin number, which will be used when ordering food at break or lunch time, therefore student accounts should be topped up using ParentPay. Should you have any issues, please contact admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk.

Books

Please ask your child to bring their completed work and books back to school when they return.

Health Information

It is essential that we maintain the most up-to-date information about your child. Should your child have had any changes regarding their health records, that you have not previously reported, or if you wish to discuss provision for your child, please contact nurse@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

Transport

The school bus will continue to run and face masks will need to be worn on the bus and all other forms of public transport.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will continue to run. Any student can attend breakfast club; there is no cost. Students will be split into year groups for breakfast. If you wish your child to attend, please contact admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk. Students must not arrive at school before 7.30am.

Student Support Officers

Should you wish to contact your child's Student Support Officer, they can be contacted on:

Year 7-Mr Bull sbull@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

Year 8-Miss Smith GSmith@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

Year 9-Mrs McWilliams TRM@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

Year 10-Mr Nicholson MNicholson@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

Year 11-Miss Pattinson APattinson@harrogatehighschool.co.uk

On behalf of all staff at Harrogate High School, thank you once again for your ongoing support with your child's education and wellbeing at such an unprecedented time.

We are incredibly excited to see all of our students very soon!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Clarke

Head of Academy

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Attendance infographic

Government advice-face masks

Uniform list





Government advice- How to wear a face covering

A face covering should:

- cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)
- unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged

When wearing a face covering you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession (for example, when leaving and entering shops on a high street)

When removing a face covering:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- do not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed