



BACK TO SCHOOL

Guidance for a safe return in March 2021





MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I am delighted, like you are no doubt, that we appear to be on the road to some kind of normality and we look forward to the changes in restrictions over the coming months.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back shortly. This challenge will have engendered resilience, and a newfound appreciation for the social side of school for our pupils.

For my own team this has, without question, been the very toughest of years. It has also been, however, the year of most professional growth. The skills the team have learnt, the dedication they have shown, and the flexibility they have demonstrated simply astound me. I was so pleased to see that you recognise this too - the summary results from our recent 'voice of the parent' survey are included in this pack. The team are busy reviewing all your comments so that we can enhance our continuously evolving school improvement plans. Thank you for contributing to this: it helps us get better, every day.

A lot of the measures that accompany a return to school you will now be familiar with, but there's a reminder in this pack. There are a couple of new additions to the protocol around face coverings and rapid testing. Please take the time to read these sections.

We cannot wait to see your children back in school 'in real life'.

Stay well.

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WELCOME BACK

Our risk mitigation routines are already well established in school and so welcoming more children back through the school gates safely will draw on this prior experience. The school didn't close during this most recent lockdown, remaining open for Nursery, Key Worker and Vulnerable children.

As before, children will be placed in consistent groups - the 'bubble' concept. Groups will be kept apart where possible, and older children encouraged to keep their distance within their groups.

We are slightly staggering the formal start and finish times for the school day across different year groups in order to regulate the numbers of children and parents entering and exiting the school at the same time. The schedule for each year group is listed below. Pick up points will remain the same as the Autumn Term. We must stress that drop off and pick up times are strictly adhered to, to avoid cross contamination of bubbles.

Years	Date of return	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	Continues	As Usual	As Usual
Reception	Monday 8 th March	08.00am to 8.20am	3pm
Y1 and Y2	Monday 8 th March	7.45am to 8.15am	Y1 3.00-3.15pm Y2 3.15-3.30pm
Y3 and Y4	Monday 8 th March	7.45am to 8.15am	4.00-4.15pm <i>* excl Thur/Fri</i>
Y5 to Y8	Monday 8 th March	8.15am to 8.30am	4.00-4.15pm

On Thursday Y3 pick up is 3.15pm to 3.30pm
On Friday Y4 pick up is 3.15pm to 3.30pm

COVID TESTING

- Boys in Years 7 and 8 will be tested three times before returning to school.
- The dates of these tests are below. More information about the testing procedure will be presented to parents on Monday Evening in our meeting.
- After the first three tests, which will be conducted on site, students will receive test at home kits.
- You must give or deny your consent for your child to be tested. Please do so ASAP by clicking on the link below.
<https://survey.euro.confirmit.com/wix/6/p966536883256.aspx?S=6529C3>
- Staff will continue to be tested twice weekly.
- In order to manage this mass testing this is the return to school schedule for Years 7 and 8:

Date	Class	Testing time slots
2nd March	70	8.30am to 9.30am
2nd March	7BL	9.15am to 10.15am
2nd March	8JB	10.00am to 11.00am
2nd March	8CLJ	10.45am to 11.45am
5th March	70	8.30am to 9.30am
5th March	7BL	9.15am to 10.15am
5th March	8JB	10.00am to 11.00am
5th March	8CLJ	10.45am to 11.45am
8th March	Y7/8	8.30am (if tested negative can remain at school)

FACE COVERINGS

Government guidance is changing rapidly on this topic and we will adapt as further changes happen.

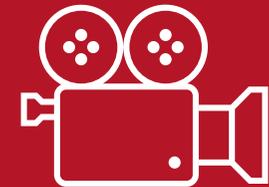
Current guidance at time of writing (25th February 2021) is that face coverings are recommended in these circumstances:

- Year 7 and 8 pupils only
- Face coverings to be worn in communal areas, and in class where social distancing cannot be maintained

Should the need arise for face coverings in school through being a high risk area, we will let you know.

Please prepare by:

- Buying or making sufficient face coverings that your child is comfortable wearing
- Talk to your child about the correct way to put on, wear, and remove it
- Provide your child with a named Ziploc bag to store their covering when not being worn



[50 second BBC video on wearing a face covering correctly](#)

REMINDERS



Cleaning, catering and transport will all continue with the additional measures in place to enhance the safety of our pupils, parents and staff.

OUR CLEANING REGIME

We have a robust cleaning regime throughout the school day with a focus on toilets and high-touch areas. Our cleaning hours have been extended. At the end of the day, we repeat this regime and pay particular attention to the common areas of the school. On a Friday evening we do a weekly enhanced clean of all rooms in the school.

In the instance of a confirmed COVID-19 case we would do a deep clean which includes all surface areas and carpets. In all cases we use coronavirus approved disinfectants/aerosols.

Foggers (a means of spraying an antiviral disinfectant solution to surfaces) will be deployed across the school to support the enhanced cleaning.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Hand sanitiser will be available upon entering every classroom. Children will be required to wash hands or use sanitiser every time they change rooms.

SWIMMING

For swimming we are following guidance issued by Swim England for pool operators. Swimming will commence on 8th March and the one-way changing system implemented (as in the Autumn term where the boys undress in the Games changing room and then make their way across to the pool).

CATERING

The catering offer returns to relative normality this term. The kitchen will be open and producing meals. We will stagger lunchtimes to support the distancing between groups and have three dining areas across the main school. All pupils will eat in their bubbles.

EQUIPMENT

For equipment-based lessons we are following the guidance issued by the accredited bodies for schools such as CLEAPSS for Science, DT, and Art and AFPE for Sport. All equipment is cleaned after use.

Pupils can take books home. We continue to advise that high touch items such as pens are bought from home in a pencil case. For Nursery to Y2 these items will be provided.

TRANSPORT

Our minibus vehicles have been installed with Perspex screens to shield contact between the driver and students on the Home to School (and return) journey. Similar precautions will be in place should school transport be used for any extra-curricular activities such as sporting activities. All pupils travelling on school buses **MUST** wear masks.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

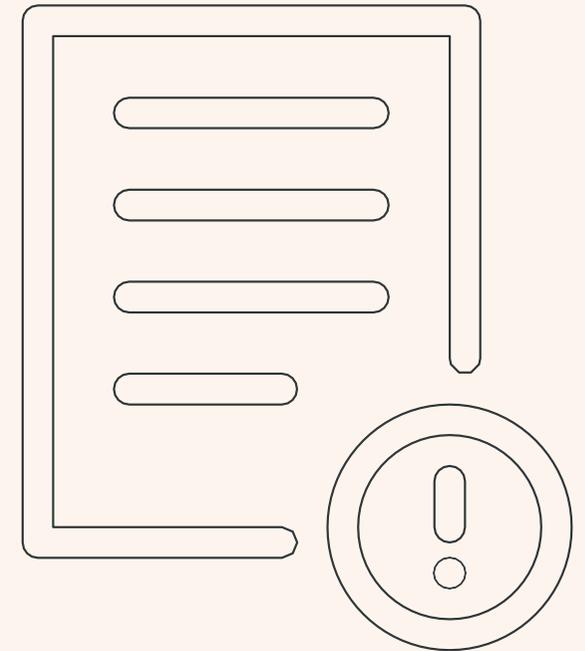
Sports, Swimming, Drama, Art, DT and Music continue to be a crucial part of the school experience and we intend to return these activities back into the school day. Many sports are now supported and can be delivered in year group bubbles, and music lessons can happen provided we follow social distancing guidelines. We will continue to follow government advice.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

All current synchronous clubs will continue in school. After School Club and Breakfast Club will also resume.

SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

1. Talk to your child about the expectations outlined in this guide – particularly Y7 and Y8 pupils around face coverings and asymptomatic testing.
2. Do not send your child into school if they, or any other member of the household, show any symptoms associated with COVID-19. Please report all concerns and test results to our dedicated Covid email address covidresponseboys@cumnorhouse.com
3. When student home testing starts parental supervision will be needed to ensure the testing is correctly carried out twice weekly, and the results observed.
4. Take note of any changes to the timings of the school day for your child.
5. Ensure social distancing measures at drop off and collection are followed and please make sure that you follow the current guidance around meeting and mixing with extended family members and friends.



FAQs



Q: Will school uniform be required?

Yes. We are looking forward to returning to full uniform, since scientific guidelines are not suggesting a reason to avoid this. We will ask that pupils with PE or Games during that day attend school wearing PE kit and tracksuits, to reduce the impact of changing.

Q: Will the 10-day isolation of bubbles return?

Yes, in instances of a confirmed case in a bubble this will continue to be applied for close contacts. We never like to send bubbles home, but it is a government requirement we have to follow. In these instances, we will immediately revert to our online teaching provision allowing all children to progress in their education without interruption.

Q: What happens if my child has a positive lateral flow test in school?

Pupils with a positive LFT result will need to self-isolate in line with the guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection: at time of writing this means they will be required to self-isolate from the date of that test plus 10 days.

If a parent then chooses for their child to have a PCR test and that test comes back negative, they will still need to maintain the self-isolation period.

If a *home* test is carried out and is positive, the child can go for a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is negative they can come to school, if positive they must isolate.

Q: Will school transport resume?

Yes. All children will be expected to wear a face covering throughout their time on the bus. They must also sanitise hands before and after travelling on the bus.

Q: Will after school club be available?

Yes. Clubs which have been synchronous this term will now continue at school but asynchronous clubs will not continue. External Clubs such as BB Soccer and HB Sports will continue.

Q: What is happening with school catering?

We will be resuming our catering provision. The team have worked hard on COVID-secure practices in the kitchens and serving area. Children will have access to a range of food, as per the menus which will be published on our website. Pupils will eat their meals in distanced placings in the Dining Room, Hall and Marquee with their own bubble group.

Q: Are sports, clubs and trips returning?

Yes, where possible. We are keen to return to 'business as usual' as much as possible, and this component of education is important.

Certain non-contact sports are approved, and clubs can generally re-start, although there are some restrictions in the latest guidance.

No educational trips are permitted yet. We keep a sharp eye on government advice on these topics as guidance changes frequently.

Q: What will happen with equipment?

We ask that children in Y3-8 bring in their own equipment and stationery since sharing will not be appropriate. In some lessons (e.g. Art, DT) equipment will be provided as a part of the lesson requirements. Under these circumstances, it will have been cleaned between use by other pupils.

Q: Will exercise books and laptops be allowed to be brought home?

Yes. Books and laptops will be taken home each day. We ask that these are only handled by the pupils and not parents.

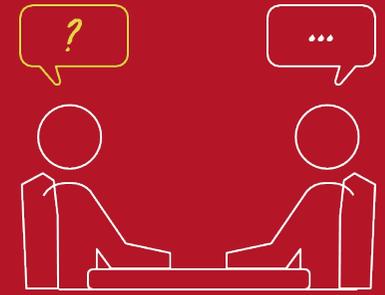
Q: What is the school's approach to hand hygiene?

We have a number of non-touch hand sanitisers around the school. Pupils must use these on arrival at school and at designated breaks in the day. There will also be provision for hand washing in some classes and hand gel in others to maintain the highest standards of hygiene in these areas.

Q: How will social distancing work?

We recognise that the child's age can impact on the extent to which social distancing can be achieved and is necessary. For Y7 and Y8 boys face coverings should be worn in classrooms or during activities where social distancing cannot be maintained, however, once they are seated at their desks they can be removed.

A message from the Finance Department



Transport and Catering

We are continuing to work through the credits that can be given for savings on catering and transport costs for the spring term. We are happy to confirm that if you have not been using transport facilities from 5th January to the 5th March, then there will be no charge for this period. Any payment that was made for Spring will be pro-rated and any credit will be applied to your school bus booking for the Summer term. This will only apply if there were no outstanding charges for used transport facilities during the autumn term. Unfortunately, any users with outstanding autumn term transport fees, will be unable to continue using the transport facility for spring.

We have negotiated with our catering suppliers the cost savings that can be passed onto parents - given that there is a fixed element to their service. We have pushed to maximise these savings whilst respecting the need to ensure, as a valued supplier, that they have continued to provide catering to key worker pupils and to ensure they are able to perform again once the school fully reopens. We can confirm that a credit note will be raised along with the Summer term invoices (this may be a separate invoice and not necessarily detailed on the same invoice as your tuition fees). Please be advised that the credits for catering will be issued for Reception to Year 8 pupils, who have not accessed key worker provision during the closure.