

Parent's Guide to School Opening in September 2020



Please find below information on plans for the reopening of Howden School in September for all students. We hope this will support your child's return. More detailed documentation on the reopening will be sent out to Parents/Carers by the end of August.

Who can return to school in September?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All pupils, unless they are displaying Covid 19 symptoms, self-isolating while waiting for a test result or because of a local lockdown.• School pupils return on the following days<table><tr><td>Tuesday</td><td>8th September 2020</td><td>Year 7</td></tr><tr><td>Wednesday</td><td>9th September 2020</td><td>Year 7 & 11</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday</td><td>10th September 2020</td><td>ALL YEAR GROUPS</td></tr><tr><td>Friday</td><td>11th September 2020</td><td>ALL YEAR GROUPS</td></tr></table>• From Monday 14th September, all students will be timetabled to be in school every day.	Tuesday	8 th September 2020	Year 7	Wednesday	9 th September 2020	Year 7 & 11	Thursday	10 th September 2020	ALL YEAR GROUPS	Friday	11 th September 2020	ALL YEAR GROUPS
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What are the times of the school day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school day will be 8.40am-2.30pm.• If students walk or are transported via car they will leave site at 2.30pm. If students depart via school transport they will leave site between 2.30-2.40pm.• We have slightly reduced the school day by half an hour to reduce student movement around the school site during the day and to allow us to stagger the school buses at the end of the day. This will also enable the premises team to have more time to give the school a deep clean prior to opening and enhanced cleaning at the end of the school day.												
Is it compulsory to send my child to school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is vital that all children return to school to benefit their education, wellbeing and wider development.• In line with government guidance, from September, attendance will be mandatory and the usual school rules on attendance will apply.												
Will the students be able to mix?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To minimise movement through school and to reduce contact between groups the students will be placed into year group bubbles.• Year groups will have separate break and lunchtimes.												
What happens if someone tests positive for Covid 19 in the school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full details on response to COVID 19 testing and procedures will be published before the students return to Howden School.												
Who will teach my child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students will have specialised subject teaching staff.• TA's will support as usual.• Year 7 transition will be completed on Tuesday 8th September.												
Expected Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To maintain our school ethos and high expectations of behaviour, the wearing of school uniform is compulsory. We ask that Parents/Carers continue to support the school in ensuring that their children attend school wearing the correct uniform in September.• Please see the school website for the uniform expectations. Please note the hair and piercing policy. Parents/Carers will be contacted if students do not adhere to our policy.• Students will be expected to attend school equipped for all lessons. This includes a pencil case and PE kit. Students will not be able to borrow equipment due to cross contamination.												

<p>How will we practice social distancing, cleaning and personal hygiene.</p>	<p>Social distancing measures will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be expected to adhere to social distancing of 2 metres where possible. • Classrooms will be organised so students are distanced in a safe manner, however, government guidelines are clear that students will not need to be sat 2 metres apart. <p>There are general principles you can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing your hands more often - with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer, when you blow your nose, sneeze or cough, eat or handle food • avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands • avoid close contact with people who have symptoms. Always tell an adult at school if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID19. • cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin and wash your hands. 'Catch it, bin it, kill it'. • Hand sanitiser will be available throughout the school and covered bins will be in every classroom. • Cleaning staff will be in the school throughout the school day maintaining high levels of hygiene.
<p>Behaviour and Rewards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In these times of heightened risk to our health, it is important that both students and staff follow our new safety expectations. Our primary concern is for the safety and health of all members of our school community. We have explicit Risk Assessments and expectations around behaviour, which enable us to mitigate the risk presented to learners and staff. Our expectation is that all learners and staff abide by these systems and procedures. • Any student that threatens distancing measures, respiratory or tactile hygiene parents/carers will be given clear and explicit warning and reminders of appropriate choices. If, following this, behaviours do not improve or any malicious, deliberate acts of transmission (e.g. spitting, coughing or accessing parts of the school where they are not permitted) parent / carers will be contacted, and the child will be collected from school to ensure the safety of themselves and others. The latter will be treated with great seriousness and the school will follow the behaviour consequences, which could result in exclusion. • Our Reward System has had minor changes so that hygiene and cross contamination rules can be maintained.
<p>Will my child be able to get food in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our canteen will be open for students to purchase food. We are working with the external company Chartwells to provide further detail for parents/carers over the next week.
<p>School transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be required to wear face coverings on school buses. • Any issues with students' behaviour or hygiene issues on the buses will be dealt with by the school and the Local Authority through Buswise. • Please contact East Riding Transport with any issues regarding school transport.

Thank you for your continued support during the past few months. We are all looking forward to welcoming Howden students both old and new back on site. The more detailed documentation will be sent to families in the post before the end of August. If you have changed address please ensure you contact the school to inform us.