



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: September reopening plans

We have spent time reviewing the government guidance around school reopening and below are some of the changes that we will be implementing to ensure we are compliant. We will be sending more detailed information in August.

- Return dates and school timings
 - **Thursday 3 September 2020** - Years 7 and 11 return to school with sixth form enrolment
 - **Friday 4 September 2020** - Years 7 and 11 attend school with sixth form induction
 - **Monday 7 September 2020** - All year groups return to school
 - No pupil should be on site prior to 08:15 or after 3:15
 - Dismissal times will be staggered
- Health and safety arrangements
 - Separate controlled entry points will be used for each year group - children will be met by staff teams and directed to their entrance points.
 - Controlled dismissal and exits by class teachers from each zone.
 - To keep our pupils safe whilst queuing to enter the school at the various entrances cars will no longer be permitted on site.
 - Those pupils who are driven to school in taxis or have mobility needs will still be able to use the disabled places outside the school. It is important that these spaces are kept clear for this purpose.
 - There will be hand sanitiser available at all entrance points, classrooms and around the school, pupils will be regularly encouraged to wash/clean their hands.
- Bubbles and separation arrangements
 - Year groups will be kept in bubbles and taught in their own separate areas (zones) of the school for the vast majority of their lessons with the exception of PE and Technology.
- Curriculum arrangements
 - The curriculum will remain broad and balanced. All subjects will be delivered.
- Behaviour and attendance expectations.
 - The Behaviour policy and addendum are available on the school website.
 - Attendance is expected as normal.
- Transport to school
 - If your child normally uses public transport we would like to encourage them to walk or cycle to school, where possible. If your child will continue to take public transport then they should follow current government guidelines in relation to face coverings. Pupils should also be encouraged to follow physical distancing when travelling to and from school and wash or sanitise hands before and after travelling.



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- Cars will not be permitted on site due to safeguarding reasons. Please arrange to drop your child within walking distance and be respectful of our neighbours.
- Equipment
 - Sharing of resources is not permitted.
 - In addition to the usual equipment please also provide your child with a glue stick, highlighters and coloured pencils for their personal use. They should also continue to bring: 2 black pens, a green pen, pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler, scientific calculator and reading book (Y7/8/9).
- Lunch arrangements
 - We will be operating a grab and go lunch system. We are investigating the delivery of breakfast club food at break time. Pupils will need to bring their own snacks as the catering company is unable to offer a break time service.

As guidance changes on a regular basis I will be writing to you again on 25th August with full details of our opening plans.

If you have any questions please contact the school via tws_admin@swale.at.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.M. Gibson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs AM Gibson
Headteacher