



Dear parent/carers

I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer break so far, and that your child feels refreshed and ready to return to school in September.

As I shared back in July, the return to Friesland will be very different to the school that was partially closed back in March. Our re-opening plan is based around offering our full curriculum, but in as safe a way as we possibly can. What has become apparent is that different secondary schools are re-opening in very different ways, we believe that our plan is appropriate for our site, our curriculum and the safety of our students.

In terms of some of the specifics of our plan:

- All students will follow their full curriculum, but most lessons will be longer to minimise movement around the school and not all lessons will be in specialist rooms
- Form time has been extended to 25 minutes every day, to ensure that students are supported in their return to school and to allow tutors to make sure everyone understands their timetable for that day
- Students will be in year group bubbles, which will not mix. Those bubbles will be based in different parts of the school on different days. This will allow students access to the equipment and rooms they need to access the full curriculum. The timetable will be very different to normal, but students will still do practical subjects and practical work at Friesland
- For those students who travel by bus, I attach specific details and information on how that will work. Please make sure you have read it and that the guidance is followed
- We are not staggering our start and finish to the day, in part because so many students access school via buses. Different year groups will enter via different entrances however and will then be directed to their bubble zone for the day. Siblings can arrive together but will then split on entry to the site.
 - o Y7, Y11, 6th form will enter at the main gate
 - o Y8, Y9, Y10 will enter via the Rushy Lane entrance
 - o The gate at the back of the sports field will not be open at all for entry or exit
- Every entrance to the school and every classroom now has hand sanitisation stations, and students will be expected to sanitise their hands on entering and leaving any room or building
- The toilets in the old block will be limited to 2 students at any one time, those in the SMT building to 3 students at any one time. This will be staffed throughout the day.
- Regular cleaning will take place during the day as well as after the children have left. Departments where equipment would usually be shared will either employ a rotation policy or will sanitise equipment in between use by different bubbles
- Students will wear their normal Friesland uniform, as current health guidance stipulates that extra washing of clothes is not necessary

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- I attach our plan for the Friesland medical room and what will happen should a student present with covid-19 symptoms. It is very important that I stress at this point that the medical room at Friesland should only be used in very specific circumstances. Please read the attached detailed guidance
- Break and lunch times will be staggered, and year groups will not mix at those times. In terms of our lunch offer, we have moved to a 'grab and go' style canteen. There will be no seating in the dinner hall and no meals which require plates and cutlery. I attach the menu for week 1 and 2
- We are in the process of updating our behaviour policy for the September return. My intention is to consult with staff on that plan during our INSET days on Sep 3rd and 4th then with students and parents on Monday Sep 7th before publishing during that week. I think it is really important that we all sign up to how we believe a Friesland student should behave as our school re-opens. Especially as the vast majority of our students are such a credit to themselves and the school in their conduct every day
- It may be the case that you are particularly concerned about your child's return; possibly because they or a family member were previously screening or they have specific needs that have potential implications in school. If that is the case please let us know and we can look at producing individual risk assessments for specific students.

I fully appreciate that this remains a lot to take in, as it was back in July when we consulted, and that there will be a range of views and feelings in the community about the re-opening. I know from previous correspondence that a lot of you are very nervous about your child coming back, but equally some parents feel that we are going over the top with the volume and scope of our precautions. As acting Headteacher, however, I really believe that we have a plan that is both safe and will provide an outstanding and varied education for all of our students. I have gone into a certain amount of detail in this letter, but if you require any more information or have any questions at all please e-mail enquiries@friesland.derbyshire.sch.uk and either myself or one of my senior team will get back to you.

Obviously, the re-opening depends on government guidance, and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that said guidance will change between now and September 7th. It is my intention to write to you again on September 1st with final detail on the re-opening and some further guidance for students so that they know exactly what is expected of them on the 7th. Before then, I hope you enjoy the final part of the summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back into school in September

Yours sincerely

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