



Calday Grange Grammar School

Important Information for Parents/Carers of Year 10 and 12 Students

Background

The Government recently clarified its aims to 'widen the opening of schools' beyond the current provision for vulnerable and 'key worker' children. Schools are able to open for up to 25% of the combined Year 10 and 12 cohort. However, the focus is to remain on 'remote learning'. Any interaction with teachers is with a view to reviewing and consolidating learning and then giving further advice on what to study over the coming weeks. It is still advised that schools minimise the number of students whom they open to.

This week, it has been widely reported in the media that the Wirral 'R Rate' has gone above 1. This seemed to put any further reopening of schools in this region in jeopardy. However, I met with fellow Wirral secondary Heads and representatives from the Local Authority yesterday. I was encouraged by the information relayed in the meeting and it was decided that we will move ahead with our plans from 15 June. Please see the joint statement below:

"On Tuesday 9th June 2020 Wirral's secondary head teachers met as a group with Public Health Wirral and were reassured to hear from them that there are no public health reasons why we should not move forward with our plans for wider educational participation from the 15 June. Public Health Wirral are reassured by the detailed risk assessments that all the schools and the College have in place and are confident that these ensure that we are offering safe environments for students and staff.

All secondary schools and the Sixth Form College have been working together through this difficult time and will continue to do so as we move forward. There is a recognition that what we do over the coming weeks will vary as we adapt our plans to open to a wider body of students dependent on our individual circumstances.

This common but necessarily varied approach is fully supported by the Wirral Local Authority."

The following document is designed to relay key information about the processes in school and how it will work. Please take some time to read these documents and show them to your child in order to prepare them for their return.

I have put the information in sections for ease of reference.

How have we decided who will be in school in the first instance?

Please see the **Identification Process** document, which outlines our process.

Initially, only a small number of Year 10 and 12 students will be invited into school, and staff will be in contact with those families by the end of the week.

We do aim to provide some 'face-to-face' contact for **all** Year 10 and 12 students, whose parents/carers wish for them to be in school, by the end of the academic year. This will be reviewed as we move forward. Basically, we plan to start with small groups of students and develop the situation from there.



Is it safe for my child to be in school?

We have conducted a full risk assessment, which is updated on a daily basis. This can be viewed on the school website <https://www.calday.co.uk/schoolopeningupdates>. A number of measures have been enacted in school, for example:

- Limiting the number of students on-site at any one time.
- Only staff and students are allowed onto the school site. Parents/carers must have an appointment.
- A one-way system to minimise student interaction.
- Classrooms have been redesigned.
- There are floor stickers and signage to remind people to wash hands, follow the one-way system and maintain social distancing.
- Every classroom has a box of cleaning materials in it.
- Students must bring their own equipment, food and drink. There will be no catering facilities open. Students will be given paper to work on or may bring their own notepads.
- Students will remain in a 'bubble' with up to seven other students during lesson times.
- Enhanced cleaning and increased daytime cleaning of common touch points.
- Only limited areas of the school are open to allow for deep cleaning.

There are many other measures that we have put into place.

There will always be a risk and we aim to mitigate that through our robust processes. If somebody does become ill during the day, there are clear guidelines. Please see the **LA Guidance** document for further details.

What are the basic hygiene points?

- Students must not come to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does and the appropriate quarantine period must be observed.
- Students should frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.
- Hands should be cleaned on arrival at the setting, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing.
- Students are encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose.
- Use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze. Tissue waste is put inside a separate bin liner ('catch it, bin it, kill it'). Disposable tissues are provided in each classroom.
- Each classroom is provided with disinfectant and disposable gloves and cleaning cloths in case someone coughs or sneezes onto surfaces.

Mental health support

We realise that the current situation and 'lockdown' have caused stress and anxiety for many people. Readjusting to school will be a challenge for students and support is available. Mrs Storey has also issued links to appropriate materials throughout the period of closure. Pastoral staff will be in school and we will do whatever we can to support students through this difficult time.



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Clothing

Clothing needs to be changed every day. Therefore, normal uniform rules will not apply. Students should still aim to look smart and no baseball caps are allowed.

Mobile Phones

We realise that young people bring mobile phones into school. However, these should be kept away, particularly during lesson times. Students can only use a mobile phone with the permission and under the guidance of a member of staff (for example if doing an interactive quiz in class). No headphones are allowed. This will include during break and lunchtime.

Day-to-day procedures and the one-way system

Please see the following documents for further details:-

- Procedures for students
- One way system diagrams

Behaviour

Normal school rules will apply with regard to behaviour. We expect students to conform to our expectations, which are laid out in the **Post Covid Contract** document. Failure to adhere to our expectations will result in parents/carers being contacted to collect their child. We expect your full support on this matter and in upholding the high standards of the school.

Transport to and from school

As you will be aware, the school bus services will not be reinstated until at least September. It has been confirmed that the following supported services to school will continue to operate from 15th June 2020:

Service 614
Service 621
Service 670
Service 672
Service 674

Please note there may be a change of operator for the service.

Merseytravel has launched a 'Re-Think' travel campaign that includes information about public transport services – bus, rail, ferry and tunnels - and key advice about how to plan journeys and keep everyone safe. You should visit the [Merseytravel website](#) and follow @merseytravel on twitter for more details. Further detailed communication is planned for all schools and this will follow shortly. **Remember face coverings must be worn on public transport.**

Remote Learning

As stated previously, remote learning will remain in place for some time. Guidance can be found in the Remote Learning Policy.

The structure of the day and arrangements

More information will follow for the parents/carers of identified students.