

Pupil FAQs for the safe re-opening of Boroughmuir High School

We are all looking forward to welcoming you all back to school. Please see below some of the frequently asked questions (FAQs) that you may have. Any questions please speak to your teachers.



What are the arrangements for pupils during the week beginning 10 August?

Mon/Tue 10th/11th Aug - Staff only

Wednesday 12th August - S1-3 only. S1 arrive by 8.32am and S2/3 by 9am. Extended registration to P2.

Thursday 13th August – all pupils S1-6. Extended registration to P2.

Friday 14th August - all S1-6 arrive by 8.32am. P1 to P6 as normal.

I am worried about returning to school

We understand for many of you the period has been difficult and returning to school may make you feel anxious. Please tell a member of staff if you have concerns and they will be happy to talk to you about this.

What physical distancing will be practised?

We will be encouraging physical distancing whenever possible. It is important that these safe practices are maintained as much as possible. We will also encourage 2m between adults, and adults and pupils.

Will I be in a bubble?

Yes and no. Whilst we won't be using the term bubble you are all in specific classes which remain the same and so will be able to trace movements if necessary.

Can I get the bus to school?

Yes but if you use public transport, make sure you bring and use a mask getting on the bus and during the journey. Wearing a mask is respectful to others in our community who also use public transport as well as the drivers. Please arrive at the bus stops in plenty of time.



What happens if I feel sick and display Covid-19 symptoms?

If you have a persistent, new cough, high temperature or experience shortness of breath you must inform your parents/carers if at home. Call NHS24 on 111 for advice. If at school please let a member of staff know who will then contact the school reception. You will be taken to the Medical Room and your parents and carers will be contacted.

Will there be a one-way travel system in the school?

Yes. All pupils are required to adhere to this at all times, even during periods. Corridors will be one way and stairs will be marked as either an 'up' or 'down'. Your cooperation is required to ensure this operates effectively.

Will entrance to the school be different?

The doors at the front of the school will be identified as an 'IN' door and an 'OUT' door. This will assist with social distancing and tie in with the one-way system.

Will hand sanitiser be available to staff and pupils?

Yes. Hand dispensers will be available at key points across the school.

Will I be expected to wear face coverings whilst in school?

No. Face coverings are not required to be worn by pupils, or staff, unless there are medical reasons for wearing one or if teachers are working in close proximity to pupils for periods longer than 15mins. However staff or pupils may however choose to wear a mask.

Will I be allowed out to the local shops at break or lunchtimes?

If you are in S2-6 yes. Face coverings must be worn by all pupils whilst visiting local shops. All S1 pupils are to remain in the school grounds.

**Can I use the school Servery to buy food at break and lunch?**

There will be a limited 'grab and go' menu but no hot lunches. You are encouraged to disperse and eat lunch outside. In bad weather we will open other areas of the school like the assembly hall and some classrooms.

Will there be long queues at the Servery?

We are recommending that you bring a packed lunch and to reduce queues S4-6 will be released for break at 10.30 (5 minutes early) and S1-3 will be released for lunch at 12.40 (10 minutes early)

What are the arrangements for minimising risks in the dining room?

Hand sanitiser should be used by all on entering and exiting the dining room. Those waiting for food will be encouraged to socially distance. Once food is collected pupils will be encouraged to eat outside.

Will the school be disinfected prior to Monday 10 August?

Yes. The entire school has been disinfected and will be cleaned regularly.

How do we ensure the safety of pupils who share laptops or computers?

Surface wipes will be provided and should be kept beside each shared PC. PCs should be wiped down by the user prior to use.

Can textbooks be issued?

No, unfortunately not at present. Information from books will be displayed on the screen and copies provide of relevant sections where possible.

Can pens and pencils be issued if they have not brought these with me?

You must ensure that you bring your own pencil/pen as we are reducing the sharing of these resources. If you do not have a pen or pencil, one will be issued to you by any teacher. Please ask.

What is the procedure for pupils who may be putting the safety of others at risk by their actions?

Staff will calmly remind pupils of the responsibility they have as part of the school community to keep everyone safe. If a pupil continues to disregard this, pupils will be referred to the Depute Head Teachers.

Can practical work take place?

We hope so, but there may be some changes to the normal working over the coming weeks. More cleaning may be required. Teachers will follow the relevant guidelines before deciding on what practical working is appropriate.

Can I sit with my friends in groups in corridors or other communal areas during social times?

We are encouraging you to go outdoors during break and lunch times where you will have more space. We will discourage you congregating in large groups during social times in corridors. In bad weather, we will try to open additional social spaces such as the assembly hall and classrooms.

Can I work closely on a one-to-one basis with another pupil?

Yes you can. If you can sit side by side this is good practice.

Will I have assemblies as normal?

Not for the time being. As large groups are to be avoided there will be no assemblies until further notice. All pupils will go straight to registration classes on arrival at school.

I have after school clubs are these on?

Currently there are no extra-curricular activities or clubs for the first couple of weeks. We will keep this under constant review.

Do I have to wear uniform?

Yes please. We are asking all pupils to wear dress code as normal.

I have PE timetabled, will I bring my kit?

Yes. PE will take place although there may be some temporary changes to the normal classes. The PE staff will keep you informed.

I am in S6 what if I don't have a class P1 or P2?

You will normally be placed into a Study Class. However there will be no S6 study classes for the first 2 weeks. S6 with study P1 or P2 should arrive at school in time for first class and not before. This is to reduce unnecessary numbers in the school. We will review this after 2 weeks.

Will windows and doors be kept open?

It is likely more will be open to increase ventilation.

Will teachers still use Office 365 Teams, SharePoint and OneNote to set work?

It is likely that some of your teachers will continue to use these online learning platforms to provide class materials and class work. If you are asked to use these please do so and speak to your teachers if you have any problems. We are keen to continue using Teams and in the (hopefully) unlikely event that schools are forced to close again temporarily we will aim to use this to support at-home learning.