



PRINCIPAL'S DAILY BULLETIN

Wednesday 10th September

The rule of six (the first national tightening of coronavirus restrictions since lockdown)

To come into force from Monday 14th September From the 14th onwards it will be illegal to gather in a group of more than six people. It is anticipated that this restriction will be in place for at least three months.

However, there are exemptions.

One exemption is schools and Colleges. This is a blanket exemption. This is because we are set up to be a Covid 19 secure College.

This is why:

1. You can travel on a dedicated College bus with more than six others.

To mitigate against the risks of travelling on a dedicated College bus, the bus windows will be open to promote good ventilation, the bus driver will be behind a screen, you must wear a face mask, you must sit side by side with other College bus users, facing the front of the bus, you must refrain from physical contact with others, and you must sanitise your hands, as soon as possible, after disembarking.

2. You can sit in a classroom with more than six others.

To mitigate against the risks of sitting in a classroom, the classroom windows will be open to promote good ventilation, you must sit side by side with your classmates, facing the front (or a wall, if in an IT classroom with a horseshoe set up), you must refrain from physical contact with others. The government do not require that you or your teacher wear a face mask in a classroom setting because they believe it impedes the learning process but you can choose to wear a face mask, if you would like this additional protection. Your teacher will be protected by being at least a 2 metre social distance from you in the classroom, behind a perspex screen (if there is a need to close this distance, your teacher will limit this to a maximum of 15 minutes, and they may wear a face mask). You must wipe down all equipment used in the classroom, including your own, at the end of a lesson, and sanitise your hands afterwards.

3. You can sit in a higher occupancy dining area.

Costa Café: Year 12

Main Dining area: Year 13

To mitigate against the risks of sitting in a higher occupancy dining area, the dining area windows will be open to promote good ventilation, you must wear a face mask unless you are eating or drinking and you should place a 2 metre social distance between you and others, if you are eating or drinking. If this is not possible, you should move to one of the overspill classrooms (Year 12: 810-815 Year 13: 413- 416), and you must sanitise your hands after eating. An additional protection would be to limit any group size to a maximum of six.

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Tomorrow (Friday 11th September) we welcome the new Year 12 to our College. This will mean a higher occupancy around College. This is why we need everyone to abide by the above Covid 19 safety measures and in addition to:

- o Sanitising or washing our hands more often than usual and as an absolute minimum on arrival, when you change rooms, after any break and before and after eating
- o Moving on quickly, and passing others briefly in corridors, when on the move
- o Wearing a face mask when on the move, and in corridors
- o Following the one way system, keeping to the left, at all times

These safety measures are designed to reduce the risk of the spread of Coronavirus (Covid 19) at the College, and to protect you, your teachers, your friends and your family. However frustrating you may find some of these measures (for example, following the one way system, wearing a face mask), they are designed to help us to Stay Safe Together. *Let's try our very best to Stay Safe Together.*

2. Testing for Coronavirus (Covid 19): another update

The government today have asked us to inform you that only students (and staff) who develop Coronavirus (Covid 19) symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) should get tested. This is to protect the NHS Test and Trace system for those with symptoms of the virus. Booking is essential for drive in or walk in test sites and, if you are under 18, you must be accompanied by a parent, carer or guardian.

You must self-isolate from the first day of displaying a Coronavirus (Covid 19) symptom, for at least 10 days, or until you receive the result of a test, and it is negative. You can return to College, if after 10 days, you are no longer displaying any Coronavirus symptoms, or earlier, if you receive a negative test result. If you are self-isolating because you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, you should self-isolate for 14 days, and you should only get tested if during these 14 days you develop symptoms yourself. You can also watch the handy videos which summarise how we are Staying Safe Together.

Year 13 video: <https://animoto.com/play/X4SH4EfdNIMYdlsMeAk72g>

Year 12 video: <https://animoto.com/play/pbFghtdOtqwrtPZ1kmTptQ>

Take Care. Stay safe. Stay well.

Angela

