



PRINCIPAL'S DAILY BULLETIN

Dear all,

I appreciate that almost on a daily basis, I am passing on lots of information to you.

This is because the Covid 19 pandemic, as you will have seen from the news, is still developing, leading to changes in DfE guidance and government requirements, that we have to respond to quickly.

Yesterday, I introduced our new timetable to you, which is one of our responses.

Today's bulletin answers some key queries we have received since then about this new timetable, whilst also addressing some of the new government restrictions you cannot ignore.

What to do if getting to an afternoon lesson on time is difficult, if you have a live-streamed lesson(s) in the morning at home

We appreciate that for a small number of you, you cannot participate in a live-streamed lesson in the morning at home, and then travel to College in time for your afternoon lesson.

If this applies to you, then you must travel into College in the morning in time for your live-streamed lesson, and participate in this using College facilities.

We will have nominated Covid secure locations you can use in College to join your live-streamed lesson.

As a young adult, you are responsible for planning your College week, and when you need to be at College, and when you can stay at home. Remember the less time you spend at College, mixing with others, the safer you are, so only come to College if you need to.

Please also note that from Monday 28th September all tutorials will be live-streamed. So if you have no lessons on site on this day, you do not need to travel to College.

What to do if you cannot access live-streamed lessons at home

Please do not worry – College facilities will be made available to you, so that you can access your live-streamed lessons.

We will have nominated Covid secure locations you can use in College to join your live-streamed lesson.

What to do if you have to use a College bus to get to and from College

If you are a College bus user only travel to College on days that you need to.

If you also have a live-streamed lesson on this day, College facilities will be made available to you, so that you can access your live-streamed lessons .

We will have nominated Covid secure locations you can use in College to join your live-streamed lesson.

If have a gap between lessons, you can undertake independent study in the LRC or a Study Hub.

If you are free last period in the day, and have to wait for the College bus, you can either undertake independent study in the LRC or a Study Hub, or you can wait for the bus in your dedicated waiting areas (Year 12 – Costa Café, Year 13 – Main Dining Area)





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Local lockdown restrictions, and the rule of 6

Kirklees and Calderdale are both now subject to local lockdown restrictions. One of these local lockdown restrictions is that you cannot mix with anyone you do not live with, either inside or outside.

The government has made schools and Colleges exempt from this restriction, but it applies to you as soon as you leave the College Campus.

The College Campus ends at the end of the bus bay. As you move from here onto New Hey Road, please be aware you should not mix with anyone you do not live with.

You should also remember to respect a Social Distance of 2 metres from others .

And you must not under any circumstance gather in a group of more than 6 . This now brings with it a £200 fine.

Please be aware of these local and national restrictions when you leave the College Campus.

On Campus, we have adopted the rule of 6 in our dining areas: the Main Dining Area (Year 13) and Costa Café (Year 12). Seating in these dining areas has been arranged for Lunch Bubbles of up to 6, depending on the space available. We ask that you respect the seating arrangements in these areas, and that you stay with your lunch bubble whilst you eat your lunch. You should move on from the dining area when you have finished your lunch. You can move onto to the classroom for your next lesson, the LRC or a Study Hub. Or you can go outside for a breath of fresh air.

In line with national guidelines, you can remove your face mask when seated in a dining area to eat your lunch.

Wearing face masks – new rules too

The Government has expanded where it is mandatory to wear a face mask. This now includes taxis. Our updated video provides a reminder of where you should wear a face mask when on the move to, from, or around College: <https://tinyurl.com/y2dzejt9>

If you think you are medically exempt from wearing a face mask, you must visit the Study Centre to request an exemption card. The fine for not wearing face masks, as required, has doubled to £200 too.

College bus passes – a partial refund

Given the changes to the College timetable from Monday 28th September, and the requirement to be in College less, if you have purchased a bus pass for an NC bus service, you will receive a partial refund. You will be emailed directly regarding the arrangements for receiving this. If you are looking to purchase an NC bus pass, you will be able to do so at a reduced rate.

Thank you for your support. We know that these are challenging times, with lots of changes to the Covid-19 safety rules, both locally and nationally.

However, these safety rules are vital to ensuring that we can stay safe together, and that is why we must all remember to follow these rules at all times.

Angela

