

21st July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your patience whilst we finalise our plans for September. Over the last week we have been reviewing the guidance issued by the government, completing thorough Risk Assessments and putting plans together, in order that we can open safely in September.

The last few months have undoubtedly been challenging and whilst school won't quite be returning to normal in September, we are looking forward to welcoming all children back to TFS with some slightly adjusted routines. Below I have outlined the changes that will take place from September, please make sure that you are familiar with them and get in touch with us via tfsadmin@turnerschools.com if you have any queries.

You will also receive an additional communication, before the start of term, which outlines adaptations to our Behaviour Policy for this period of time.

Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory from September and all scholars must return to TFS. Given the amount of time that children have missed in school, it is absolutely imperative that scholars are in school every day, ready to learn. Please contact our Pastoral Team for support if you have any concerns regarding your son or daughter returning to school via tfspastoral@turnerschools.com.

Bubbles

Scholars will be placed within year group bubbles so that lessons are able to be taught in their usual way. The timetable has been amended to reduce movement around the school, whilst still allowing scholars to access the full curriculum and receive the same amount of teaching as normal. Scholars will remain in one designated teaching room for the majority of the timetable. It is therefore vital for the maintenance of these bubbles that scholars arrive at their designated time below.

Staggered opening

Scholars from different year groups will arrive at different times and enter the building via different entrances. Please make sure that you are aware of the specific times for your child. **Children must be in their classrooms and ready to learn from the Lesson Start Time.** At this time, we are **unable** to offer Breakfast Club, or after-school activities, but we will keep this under constant review as the government guidance is updated.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Lesson Start Time	Entrance	Assembly Point	Departure Time	Departure Point	Start Date
7	From 8.30am	8:45	Scholar Entrance	Main Hall	3:15pm	Scholar Entrance	3rd or 4th September depending on House Group*
8	From 8.45am	9:00	Science Block Gate (by new modular building)	Straight to designated room **	3.30pm	Science Gate	7th September
9	From 9:00am	9:15	Scholar Entrance	Straight to designated room **	3.45pm	Scholar Entrance	7th September

* Parents/carers of new Year 7 scholars will have already received additional information on Transition Days.

** Staff will be ready to greet scholars on their first day back and will direct them to their designated rooms when they arrive.

Arriving at School

If a parent/carer needs to accompany their child to school, we ask that only ONE parent does so. Please note that the Tile Kiln Lane Entrance does become very busy at drop-off and pick-up times, so please consider if scholars could be dropped off and picked up slightly further away from the top carpark in order to reduce congestion.

When scholars arrive they will be asked to clean their hands, either by washing them or using a hand sanitiser dispenser before settling into their classroom.

Use of Public Transport

The latest guidance is that face coverings are compulsory on public transport. Therefore, if scholars are using buses to get to school, please ensure that they have appropriate face masks. Scholars will be asked to safely remove these before they enter the school site. Disposable masks will need to be placed in the bin at the entrance points, whilst reusable masks should be stored safely in the scholar's bag throughout the school day.

Uniform, Bags and Water Bottles

All scholars should return to school in full school uniform. Every child should arrive at school with a rucksack sized bag, which will enable them to keep their books, their own equipment (stationery etc.) and water bottle, which they must keep with them at all times. Our water fountains are currently turned off and will remain so in September. Please can you therefore ensure that your child arrives at school with enough water to last the day. We also ask that your child brings in their own headphones if at all possible.

PE

On the days that scholars have PE, they should come to school in their PE kit. They will remain in this all day as the changing facilities will not be open. On the first day all scholars should arrive in normal school uniform.

Break and Lunch Times

All breaks and lunch times will be staggered, so that bubbles of pupils will be kept apart. Toilet facilities will also be monitored to ensure that social distancing requirements are met. Scholars will be able to pre-order lunch, but for the time being, only a cold packed lunch option will be available. As we are unable to provide Family Dining at this time, **for the duration of this period only**, we will allow scholars to bring in their own packed lunches from home. Similarly, scholars may continue to bring in a snack to eat at breaktime. We hope to be able to continue to make snacks available for purchasing but will need to confirm this at the beginning of term.

Social Distancing

We will follow all relevant guidance with regards to social distancing and will require all scholars to do their best to maintain their distance from others wherever possible. Whilst we appreciate that this will be difficult, and that mistakes will be made, any deliberate or wilful refusal to follow social distancing measures will be resolved through our Behaviour Management processes.

Cleaning

We have a thorough cleaning and hygiene regime in place and have contracted external suppliers to carry out an up to date risk assessment ready for September. Our full health and safety protocol is on the website on the Coronavirus page so that you can see in detail the processes that have been put in place.

Scholars or Household Members Showing Symptoms

If your child, or any member of your household develops Covid-related symptoms, please ensure that your child is kept at home and does not return to school unless they receive a negative test result. Any scholar who tests positive, or who has been in contact with someone who has tested positive, should self-isolate as per the government's guidance. In order to ensure the safety of the whole school, it is vital that you inform us as soon as possible if your child is unwell and give an outline of their symptoms.

Our proposed plans are subject to current government guidance, which could change over the summer, so we will be in contact with you during August to confirm our September plans.

Finally, I'd like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Kristina Yates

Principal