



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A lot of you will have seen the Government guidelines that schools will be open to all year groups from September. We cannot wait to have all the students and staff back in the building and start to get back to some sense of normality.

There will be some temporary changes and this letter will aim to outline these for you. The main difference is that all students will be put into specific 'zones'. These 'zones' will be in year groups and will be allocated their own unique areas. These areas will include classrooms and toilets, as well as indoor and outdoor areas for break and lunchtime. The aim of these 'zones' is to reduce the amount of contact between different year groups. Please note that full school uniform is expected, as well as the high expectations with regards to nails, jewellery, hair and no mobile phones. All students will require their PE kit as normal.

Due to the logistics and importance of these 'zones', it is going to be crucial that students follow the expectations and rules of school at all times. When they arrive back in September, each year group will receive an assembly where these expectations will be addressed and any questions answered. It is essential that you reinforce with your son/daughter, the importance of them following the school rules at all times, including abiding to the signs, barriers and restrictions put in place.

With regards to after-school clubs, we aim to start these on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September which allows for all staff and students to fully be in a routine and ensure that the safety of all is protected.

One key temporary difference will be with regards to the canteen and food provided. All five 'zones' (each year group) will have their own mini canteen where students can buy food at both break and lunchtime. Due to the fact that there is going to need to be five separate serving locations, the menu will be more limited than usual, at least at the start of the school year in order to ensure that all students are served. Students are welcome to bring in their own packed lunches. An option to get drinking water will be available in all of the 'zones'.

**The following dates are the dates when year groups will return to school:**

*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 7 students (induction day)*

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Year 7 and 11 students*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – All students from years 7 – 11*

Normal school times apply. Students will still have roll call followed by TTRP (tutor time reading programme) but these will be in their 'zones'. Staff will be on hand during all of these mornings to direct students to the correct zone for their year group.



Whilst the Government guidance explains that this may not always be possible, we would request that students aim to limit their journey to school alongside students from other 'zones', with the exception of siblings.

If you are dropping off or collecting your son/daughter in a car, please could we ask that you remain in the car to limit the amount of people on the school site. If any events or meetings take place during the first few weeks, we may ask that it is only one member of each household that attends these meetings in order to again limit the amount of people on site. There will be some adaptations for those who will be arriving via bus, including the driver wearing a mask, Perspex screens dividing driver and passengers and students sat in year groups. Any questions about the bus journeys, please contact John Dix Travel directly on 01452 886633.

Thank you for your ongoing support with the virtual learning that has taken place over the last few months. All of the staff cannot wait to see the students back in the school building and this plan, whilst temporarily different to 'normal' school life, it allows students to return safely. We will continue to monitor the Government guidance and keep you updated of any required changes to this plan.

I wish you all a safe Summer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'SJDerry.'

Mr Stephen Derry  
**Headteacher**

