

Planning for the autumn term

School will open to all year groups, as originally planned, at **8.45am on Thursday 3rd September**.

We will provide detailed information, by e-mail, in late August, taking account of any developments over the summer.

We already know however, that we will have to operate a little differently when we first open. To allow you to plan, the key differences are outlined below:

We are waiting for confirmation of school bus arrangements from Derbyshire County Council. It seems likely that there may be limited capacity on some routes. Once we receive information from the council, we will pass it on to you. Our current understanding is that the High Peak public bus services from Glossop will operate as normal.

We will maintain our normal school times, 8.45am until 3.00pm.

Students will enter the school building through different entrances depending on their year group.

Tutor groups will be year based, not mixed year.

Each student in years 7 to 9 will stay in a "home room", with their class, for most lessons. They will leave this room to attend some specialist lessons. Students will have a normal timetable of lessons and year 10 and 11 will be based in groups of rooms to allow them to attend all of their options subjects.

There will be a strict one-way system operating in the school building.

We will not be serving food before school or at break. There will be a limited range of food, including hot food, at lunchtime.

We will not be running any after school clubs or school activities at first. The learning support breakfast club and learning support extended day will not operate.

Students will be expected to wear full uniform.

We are confident that, with hard work, students will return to normal learning quickly. We know that some students are worried about catching up and having gaps in their learning. Every student will come back to school in a different position. I can promise that no one will be judged or punished. Our first priority in September will be to identify gaps in learning and to look at ways to help students secure the skills and knowledge that they need. For our year 11 students we know that government are working on changes to the GCSE examinations in 2021 to make them fair to all students.

These are the very positive messages that we will be sharing with our students in September. We are very much looking forward to having all students back in school.