



Longridge High School

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Dear Parents /Carers,

I hope you and your families are well, and that you have enjoyed a break over the summer. In July, you will have received detailed information from the school about your son/daughter's return to Longridge High School. Each year group has its own information booklet, which outlines the zone and group/s your child will be taught in and details about the areas they will be using to keep them in their year group zones. These are also on the school website under 'Return to School Sept 20' section.

We will be sending you more information next week about how your child will be taught and how we will be setting homework. We have to make adjustments to how we usually work, in light of the pandemic, to ensure we keep everyone safe, whilst also ensuring your son/daughter receives an excellent education.

Please note, we will make a final decision on the wearing of facemasks in school following clarification from Lancashire County Council. We will let you know about this on Friday of this week.

Start and end times for return to school

We will be having a staggered start back to school – this is to make sure all pupils have a full induction regarding safety measures, and are fully aware of the expectations for everyone due to the pandemic.

As such, pupils are asked to attend school at the normal time as follows:

Wednesday 2nd September Year 7 and Year 11

Thursday 3rd September Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11

Friday 4th September All Year groups

We ask that pupils do not arrive at school until 8.30am – this is because the dining rooms are closed before school at this time. On arrival at school, pupils will go their designated zone – the leaflet you were sent has full details, and there are copies of the leaflet on the website in the 'Return to School Sept 20' section.

In order to ensure pupils leave the site safely at the end of the day, lunchtime will be slightly shorter, ending at 1.55pm, and **school will finish at 3.00pm**, with pupils being dismissed as follows:

- 2.55pm – all pupils who walk home will be dismissed from their lessons. If you are picking your child up, please do so at 2.55pm.
- 3pm – pupils who catch a dedicated bus service will be dismissed to line up at a designated spot where staff will ensure that they board the buses safely.
- 3pm – pupils catching the Stagecoach number 1 bus will be dismissed and sent to designated year group areas to line up, so that staff will ensure that they board the buses safely.

There will be no after school clubs or practices for the first couple of weeks in the first instance. We would hope to be able to start with these as soon as possible, but only when it is safe to do so.

Expectations

We are all really looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school – staff have spent a long time planning for this, and embracing a different way of working. The majority of our pupils are exemplary in their behaviour, and we are confident that they will be mindful of the additional health and safety expectations that this pandemic brings with it. This will be reinforced to all pupils from the outset, and any serious breaches of health and safety expectations will result in children being sent home. **We have to work together to ensure everyone is safe in our school.**

There will be no PE lessons until Monday 7th September – so all pupils will need their full PE kit and should expect to do PE, following the guidelines as set out by the Government.

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Buses

The Local Authority have sent updated guidelines out about school transport.

Dedicated bus services

- Please **do not** send your child to school if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms
- You are asked to make sure your child uses a clean face covering for every journey – on arrival at school; they should be placed in a plastic bag in the child's bag until they can be washed. Disposable masks should be deposited in the designated bin at the school gates.
- Children should carry their own sanitiser to use when getting on and off the bus – once at school, there are sanitising points throughout the school and in all classrooms.
- No eating or drinking on the buses.
- For children without bus passes, the correct fare is required.
- If using the Avacoach, please refer to the letter on the website regarding buying weekly tickets.

Public Transport

The school has advised the Local Authority that more buses are required.

- As far as possible, children should try to sit with other people in their year group zones.
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- You are asked to make sure your child uses a clean face covering for every journey – on arrival at school; they should be placed in a plastic bag in the child's bag until they can be washed. Disposable masks should be deposited in the designated bin at the school gates.
- No-one will be allowed on public transport without a face covering.
- Children should carry their own sanitiser to use when getting on and off the bus – once at school, there are sanitising points throughout the school and in all classrooms.
- No eating or drinking on the buses.
- For children without bus passes, the correct fare is required.

On both forms of transport, children must be sat down at all times. Anyone whose behaviour compromises the safety of other travellers will be dealt with through the school's behaviour policy.

We are all looking forward to a return to school and we need to continue to work together to keep everyone safe. As a school, we will be in constant communication with you so that you are confident that we are doing everything we can to minimise risk, whilst aiming to give your son/daughter an excellent education. Should you have any further questions at this time, please email me on admin@lhs.lancs.sch.uk

Kind Regards
Jane Green