



Farney Close School

Children's questions and answers.

How we are going to live with COVID still being around and carry on doing our best to keep each other safe.

Sept 2021.

What should I do when I arrive at school?

As soon as you arrive at school you must still go in the school's front door, use the hand gel and have your temperature taken by our school Nurse, Sally. If Sally isn't there taking temperatures someone else will be. If Sally can she will come out to your car and take your temperature before you get out.

This is because one of the signs that people have COVID-19 is a high temperature. Everyone including staff and visitors have their temperature taken when they arrive at school and are sent back home if the temperature is high (38.7 degrees or over).



Lateral Flow testing

- Once we know that your temperature is ok you will go into the hall to have your lateral flow test.



- As soon as you have had your test, which staff will be with you for and talk you through, you go straight to your House and stay in your bedroom for half an hour. This gives the test time to let us know your result. A member of staff will let you know your result. If it is negative you can join in with the day. If it is positive you will need to stay in your room until you can go home. We will ask your parents or carers to collect you.
- You will be tested again each Thursday or Friday.



Are we staying in different bubbles?

We are moving back into one bubble, with lateral flow testing staying in place.

Lower school will continue to be mainly based in the main building and upper school in the outer buildings.

I know that some of you will still be anxious about COVID, many adults are as well. It is important that we all look after each other as well as ourselves.

Will I be sharing a bedroom?

Maybe. If you are on one of the IG Houses (Kings, Bomberg, Burts and Eynon) you are likely to be sharing.

There will only be boys on these Houses.

We won't have people sharing a bedroom if the whole country or our local area ever go back into lockdown.

We are busy drawing up plans to have all our Houses made into single rooms but that will take time to do. Hopefully this will happen over the next summer holiday.

Class groups and Houses

Who will be on my House with me?

The Houses will be full as we have lots of new pupils starting.

There will be the usual amount of care staff with one of them sleeping-in overnight, just like normal.

Who will be in class with me?

Class sizes will be back to a maximum of 8 pupils but usually around 6.

Will there be evening activities?

There will be House activities on a Monday and Thursday and whole school activities on a Tuesday and Wednesday. These activities will be split into lower and upper school; not because of COVID but because it is what we refer to as “more age appropriate”

You will be able to do a full range of activities all the time the Governments guidance says we can.

As we wont be in a national lockdown anymore we will be able to do activities off site.

I am sure that the care team will provide lots of fun things to do whilst keeping to any new Government guidance.

Will I move around from class to class like we used to?

Yes you will move from class to class.

Lower school (years 7, 8 & 9) classrooms will mainly be in the main building. They will have some classes in the upper school area.

Upper school (years 10 & 11) will be based in the classrooms away from the main building such as the Copperthwaite building, Sports hall etc with some classes in the main building.

School day timings

Assembly or Tutor time	9:15 - 9:45
Period 1	9:45 - 10:45
Break	10:45 - 11:00
Period 2	11:00 - 12:00
Period 3	12:00 - 1:00
Lunch	1:00 - 1:45 (Lower school eat 1 to 1.20 and Upper school 1.25 to 1.45)
Tutor	1:45 - 2:00
Period 4	2:00 - 3:00
Period 5	3:00 - 4:00
End of School day	4.00
Evening meal	5:00 -5:30

Assemblies and Tutor time subjects

We are going to trial having separate Assemblies)

	Assemblies for:	Tutor
Monday	No year groups	Catch up
Tuesday	Year 9	British Values
Wednesday	Year 10	Culture Capital
Thursday	Lower School	Whole School Reading
Friday	Year 11	E-Safety

End of School

- **4pm:**

Year 10 and 11 –

- Anyone in year 10 or 11 in detention should be taken to the Upper school detention room by education staff (Kate or Ric's classrooms) and not taken to the basketball court.
- Everyone else to be taken to the Basketball court by education staff and collected by Care staff (Sports Hall if wet).

Year 7, 8, 9 –

- Anyone in year 7, 8, or 9 in detention should be taken to the Lower school “spare” classroom by education staff and not taken to the dining room. The spare classroom is the one that Honor used last term.
- Everyone else to be taken by educational staff to the dining room and sat in House groups. The care staff to collect YPs from the dining room.

Where will I eat my meals?

Breakfast (cereal and toast) will continue to be eaten on your House.

Lunch and tea will both be eaten in the dining room.

In the dining room you will be able to sit with two other young people and a member of staff. Tray will be kept on tables for lunch but for the evening meal trays are to be placed in the tray holder before eating your meal.

Do I need to bring face masks into school with me?

No. Not unless Government guidance changes. However you may feel more comfortable wearing a mask so please feel free to do so. You will find some adults continue to wear masks.

If you travel into school by taxi you may be asked by your taxi driver to wear a face mask whilst in your taxi – please do so if that ask you to. Your taxi driver should wear one as well if they want you to.

When going out with the school you will no longer have to wear a mask unless Government advise changes.

Do we all have to socially distance?

Wherever possible it would be good for you to remain at least a metre apart – this is mainly because it will make some people uncomfortable if someone gets too close to them.

Why not check with a person before going near them so you know that they are okay with that?

Do I still have
to wash my
hands
regularly ?

Yes.

Everyone has to wash their hands often and use the hand gel **whenever** a member of staff ask you to or when you want to. Hand washing and using hand gel is not optional. This will help us keep everyone safe.

General questions:

Can I pick which class or House I am in?

You can ask but please remember that your class group is picked because of your year group and likewise your House group is with others a similar age to you.

What happens if the fire bell goes off in the school day?

Lower School go to the hop scotch area at the back of the school.

Upper School go to basketball court.

Where will I have my break?

Lower School will have their breaks at the back of the school.

Upper School will have their breaks at the front of the school.

General questions:

Do I have to wear school uniform?

Yes. School uniform must be worn during the school day and social clothes during the evening; just the same as usual.

Can I get my clothes washed at school?

Yes just put your laundry in each morning. If you are lucky it will be ready for you after school.

Will my social worker be able to visit me at school?

Yes we are happy to welcome your social worker back onto site. We are also happy for other visitors to come and see you as long as we know who they are and it is appropriate for them to visit.

**What if I don't feel well
or I think someone else
is unwell?**

You must tell the adult nearest to you straight away. They will get the school Nurse (Sally) to come and see you, or one of our Full First Aiders if Sally is not available.



What if someone at Farney Close gets Coronavirus?

- The Government advice is that we carry on as normal unless we are told to do otherwise. That means unless we say you have to go home you will stay in school.
- If you feel unwell we will decide, with your parents or carers, if you need to go home.
- If you have to go home from school we will make sure that there is work on One-note for you or/and hard copies of work sent home. Teachers and care staff will be in touch every week day to help and support you.

How will upper school be supported in September to help them prepare for their exams?

- Those going into year 11 in September 2021 will not be doing work experience on a Friday, but will have that time to help them catch up on lost learning.
- For year 10 and 11 - We will continue to do lots of in class assessments so we know, and can evidence, where you are with your learning.
- Catch up classes will also take place so that you are ready to sit exams next year.

**Will it be like
this forever?**

- Maybe. Maybe this is our new normal and we have to learnt to live with Coronavirus being around just like flu is.
- If you or your family have any ideas about what we could do differently then please let us know. Your thoughts and opinions are very important to us.

Any Questions?

- Any member of staff will be happy to answer any questions you have.
- We also want your parents or carers to give us a call if they want to talk about anything – make sure you remind them.
- Thank you for taking time to read this.