

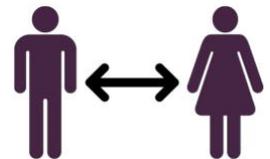
Returning to Ridgeway Secondary School



Please read this guide through carefully with your child. We will also provide you with a printed copy if your child returns to school. It explains lots of the ways that we will be keeping pupils and staff safe during our phased return.

How will we keep pupils and staff safe as we return to school?

- Students will be in 'bubble' key stages.
- Students will stay in these bubbles during unstructured times.
- Students will follow stringent social distancing guidelines throughout the school day so that they do not mix with anyone outside their bubble.
- Students will wash their hands at the start and end of each day, before and after breaktime and before and after eating.
- Regular uniform is to be worn. Students will wear their PE kit all day when they have PE on that day.
- Parents should not come into the site unless they have arranged an appointment with reception via phone. They should not congregate outside the gates. Students should be dropped at the gate.



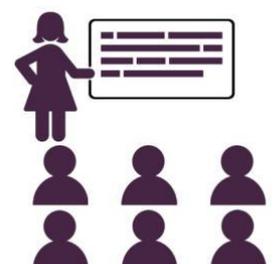
What is a bubble Key Stage?

- Students will be in a 'bubble' with other members of the key stage for unstructured time and within their year group as normal for lesson time.
- Bubble A – Years 5 and 6
- Bubble B – Years 7,8 and 9
- Bubble C – Years 10 and 11
- Students will have their normal timetable taught by specialist teachers
- Students will follow one-way-systems and stay within their classroom through the school day, other than breaktime.
- Each bubble will have lessons in a staggered measure with lunchtimes also being staggered.



How will lessons work?

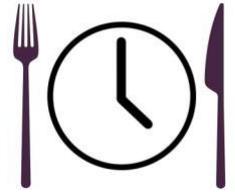
- Students will sit at the same desk each day. These desks are spaced apart in the classroom. They cannot share equipment, food or other possessions. Seats will be in rows facing forward.
- Feedback will be mostly verbal.



- Teachers will be teaching mostly from the front of the classroom.

How will break and lunchtime work?

- Students will have two breaktimes per day: morning break and afternoon break.
- Breaktime will take place in different social spaces for each bubble, meaning that students will only mix with others from their own bubble.
- During breaktimes, students are expected to continue to follow social distancing, so they will not be able to use equipment or play games with physical contact.
- At lunchtime, students will eat in their allocated bubble time. Pupils can bring in a packed lunch, or visit the canteen. We will be serving the normal menu in school.
- If students are entitled to free school meals, they will receive this in school. You will not receive your £15 voucher as previously.
- Students will wash their hands before and after breaktime, and before and after eating.



What if someone has symptoms of coronavirus?

- **If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (persistent cough, fever, loss of taste/smell), they should not come to school. You should inform the school of this and arrange for them to have a coronavirus test. If this test is negative, they can return to school,. If the test is positive, they should stay at home for 7 days and your household should stay at home for 14 days. You should inform the school.**
- If your child has symptoms of coronavirus in school, they will be isolated away from other staff and pupils and you will need to take them home.
- If somebody in your child's bubble class has symptoms of coronavirus, we will inform you, asking students to stay at home and await further guidance.
- If somebody in your child's bubble class tests positively for coronavirus, all students and teachers in the bubble class will need to go home and self-isolate for 14 days.

