

26 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: DPA 'Roadmap' updated – Phase 6, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

We would like to start by saying how proud we are of how hard the students are working in school and the resilience they are showing, despite everything that has happened throughout the last 14 months. We have spent time visiting lessons and talking to students and they have shown themselves to be a real credit to their community. We would like to thank parents and carers for the crucial role you have played in guiding your children through such difficult times.

We want to make a special mention for the staff as well at this point. Guidance from the DfE and Ofqual has meant that not only have teachers prepared students in Years 11 & 13 for assessments earlier than expected, but they also carried out some invigilation, all the marking, standardising and moderation of these assessments. Lead teachers, their teams and support staff are carrying out extensive administrative tasks for each student. The staff have been wonderful and are carrying this out with huge amounts of diligence and care as we all want our students to reap the rewards of their hard work.

As we highlighted in our previous letters being vigilant and keeping many preventative measures in place will now allow us to move students back into specialist teaching spaces after half-term. This will be achieved by still maintaining year bubbles at social times.

**Start/End of Day – from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Time (Mon – Thur)	Session	Time (Fri)
8.15am	Students Staggered Arrival – go straight to their first lesson through the appropriate door.	8.15am
8.30 – 10.30am	Period 1	8.30 – 10.30am
10.30 – 11.00am*	Break	10.30 – 11.00am
11.00 – 13.00pm	Period 2	11.00 – 13.00pm
13.00 – 13.30pm*	Break	Students Staggered Departure
13.30 – 14.50pm	Period 3	
14.50pm	Students Staggered Departure – go straight home and avoid mixing with other students	



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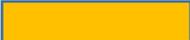
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**\*Breaks/Lunch**

Year	Break 1 (10.30am Mon - Thur)	Break 2 (1.00pm Mon - Thur)	Break (10.30am Fri only)
7	Grab and go hatch (Kitchen)	MUGA	Grab and go hatch (Kitchen)
Toilet access during break	DT toilets ground floor Teal	Sports Hall	DT toilets ground floor Teal
8	MUGA	Grab and go hatch (Kitchen)	MUGA (Trolley)
Toilet access during break	Sports Hall	DT toilets ground floor Teal	Sports Hall
9	Restaurant	Astro	Restaurant
Toilet access during break	Restaurant toilets	External door/stairs to third floor plum	Restaurant toilets
10	Astro	Restaurant	Astro (Trolley)
Toilet access during break	External door/stairs to third floor plum	Restaurant toilets	External door/stairs to third floor plum
12	SFC	SFC	SFC
Toilet access during break	Outside sixth form centre in the main hall corridor		

 = Opportunity to buy food from the restaurant/grab & go service

**Timetable – Monday 7 June = WEEK B**

Timetables with specialist teaching rooms will be issued this week to students with relevant instructions such as orientation guidance for Year 7 so that they know where to go whilst maintaining social distance from other students. You will notice that academic mentoring is still not possible due to the bubble guidance. However, in response to the disruption over the last few months we have added the 20 mins each day back into the timetable to ensure learning time is maximised at this stage. We would appreciate it if you could spend some time with your child over half-term talking to them about the importance of knowing their timetable and following the instructions when entering/exiting the buildings/school to ensure all our safety.

**Extra-curricular**

There is more to school than just learning however and we are keen to reintroduce more and more activities as the weeks go by but in Year groups and avoid any mixing of bubbles.

Moreover, we are now at a point where we will be able to look at reintroducing school trips and visits, providing they are not residential. All such ventures will be fully risk assessed on an individual basis.

Please also remind your child to bring in a water bottle, snack, and extra masks to use throughout the day especially on those days when they might be staying later and doing extra clubs/activities.

## Assessments

Governors have granted an additional assessment/school closure day when students will not be expected in school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

Students in Year 11 & 13 may still be required up to and including Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June so please make sure they remain local and can attend various induction days, online learning and complete any further assessment information the exam boards may need.

Year 7-10 & 12 will sit their end of year assessments from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to demonstrate how well they are doing.

## Our safety measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils and staff can operate in school safely. We'll continue by taking the following protective measures:

- We will ask that **all staff and students continue to wear a face covering in classrooms, communal areas, and corridors after half-term**. This is still in line with the latest government guidance for schools when applying it to your local context.
- Procedures for going to and from school, such as:
  - A reminder that gathering at the school gate, community play area and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed
- Equipment that pupils can take to and from school, e.g.:
  - Limit the amount of equipment, they bring to school to essentials like lunch boxes, bags, books and stationery
  - Avoiding unnecessary sharing of items
- How we'll keep pupils safe in school, such as:
  - A reminder of hygiene measures such as regular handwashing and using the vast amount of hand sanitizer stations.
- Classrooms
  - Students will have access to sanitized wipes so that they can use it on the chairs and table before and after their lesson.
- Toilets
  - Access will be toilets on the floor they are being taught on and extra cleaning has been organized by the school.
- Uniform
  - Wear it correctly, in full and with pride.
  - Remember to change out of it when they get home.

- Contact your child's AM and raise any issues that exist due to financial pressures.
- Piercings – nose studs and rings are not permitted and will be confiscated. We have provided students with verbal and now parents written notification that this will be taking place. This is in line with our published Home School Agreement and Uniform policy.

### **Entrance/Exit to the buildings and classrooms**

To maintain existing bubbles and follow the DfE guidance students will remain in year group bubbles during social/break times and lessons. At the end of their breaks, they will be dismissed a year group at a time so that they can go to their lesson through the correct door and reduce the mixing of bubbles. On entry to the building, they should go straight to their classroom.

<b>Floor/Room</b>	<b>Door/Stairs</b>
Ground Floor – Plum Rooms - 131 - 140 (English/Business)	External doors at the end of the corridor under the stairs leading to the English corridor.
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor (Middle) – Plum Rooms – 231 – 240 (Maths/Computing)	Doors leading to internal stairs by room 101
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor (Top) – Plum Rooms – 331 – 340 (History/Geography/Languages)	External doors leading to the external staircase opposite the astro-pitch
Ground Floor – Teal Rooms – 116 - 120 (RM,DT/Food Tech)	External doors at the end of the corridor under the stairs leading to the DT corridor.
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor (Middle) – Teal Rooms – 216 – 221 (Art/Science)	Doors leading to internal stairs by grab & go hatch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor (Top) – Teal Rooms – 316 – 320 (Science)	External doors leading to the external staircase opposite the sports hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor (Middle) – Orange Rooms – SFC, 203, 205 (6 <sup>th</sup> Form/music/drama)	Doors leading to internal stairs by grab & go hatch
Sports Hall - Yellow Rooms – 126-127, Muga, 4g (PE)	Sports Hall doors near activity studio/PE offices

### **The Code of Conduct**

We have been very impressed with the compliance of many students with the school Code of Conduct; behaviour around school and attitude to learning is good and we have seen a very positive working atmosphere in the classes that we have visited. The Code of Conduct is one key area of school that we plan to continue to enforce as we firmly believe that all children deserve the opportunity to learn to the best of

their ability, uninterrupted by any poor behaviour during lessons or around school. The Code of Conduct ensures this absolutely. Similarly, we have been impressed by the smartness of students in their school uniforms and look forward to this continuing.

**Covid**

We realise that infection rates around the country were falling and there does finally seem to be light at the end of the tunnel. However, we all need to continue to be careful and to follow the Government advice. There has been several new cases this term in Slough, so it is important that we continue to adhere to the strict guidelines that have served us so well both at school and in our community.

You can see from this letter that it is still our intention to begin to bring the school out of our full restrictions next half-term so that we can look to return to what students would feel to be a 'normal' school experience by the start of June. The Senior Team have been working together on this and identifying areas to support a return to increasingly 'normal' provision. Many controls are likely to remain as we have already explained, such as the use of hand sanitiser and segregated social times, but we hope that allowing students to enter more specialised curriculum rooms is something we are all keen to support by following the safety measures we still have in place.

We would like to wish you all a fantastic half-term break.

Yours sincerely



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Principal



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