

## St Julie's Catholic High School opening plans for September 2020

### Principles and procedures

The government has determined that all schools must reopen in September 2020 so children can return to their education. They have stated that the risk of contracting COVID-19 is small but there is a greater risk to children's long term life chances by missing any more education. Schools have been preparing to receive students back and will continue to promote the key strategies for staying safe, which include **social distancing**, regular **hand gel** and **hand washing**, touching as **few surfaces** as possible and **not touching the face**.

Students will return as year group bubbles, with 6th Form counting as one bubble. The school will change from being faculty based to being year group based, with year groups in zones of 8 classrooms around the school, to which staff will travel to teach them. Students will be able to change sets for different subjects by moving to different classrooms within their zone. Exceptions to this include the requirement to engage in specialist subject activities, which include ICT, Design Technology subjects and Performing Arts, for which students will need to leave their zone and travel to the specialist facility. Students in Yr7-11 will spend one day per week in the Science labs to access some practical Science activities, although not all lessons that day will be Science.

Our Sixth Form students will be required to come in only for their timetabled lessons, or when required to do so for specific activities. This means that some days they may only need to be in school by morning break and other days leave early in the afternoon. They must enter and leave through main reception and sign in/out. The Sixth Form area will encapsulate the existing Common Room, Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and also the main school LRC to minimise social contact with younger children. The main school LRC will move to a computer room on the ground floor, B001, for which there are plans to extend the floor space to accommodate a wider reading and working area.

The timing of the school day will remain the same, however we are still reviewing a staggered finish to the school day of 5 minutes per Key Stage to support social distancing on exit. In order to support social distancing further we are limiting one year group to the dining hall at a time. We have therefore had to increase lunch sittings from 2 to 3, meaning the 50 minute lunch times will start at 11.50am, 12.40pm or 1.30pm. There will be 2 year groups per lunchtime with each having 20-25 minutes to have lunch and leave the dining area. Catering staff will clean tables between year groups and sittings. As the later lunch sitting is not until 1.30pm, Yr9 will only have this once per week and Yr10 and 11 twice per week. To support students on a late lunch, they will be scheduled to be in the dining room at break time on that day so they can purchase snacks and beverages. All children on free school meals will continue to receive, in addition to their lunch entitlement, a top up from school to allow them an allowance at break time if they are on late lunch. There will be no late lunch for Yr7 and 8 students.

### Travel to school

The government and Public Health England (PHE) guidance recommends not using public transport to travel to school if there are alternative methods. We recommend walking to school where there are safe pavements and lighting to do so. We also have cycle stands in school should students wish to cycle to school and lock their cycle to the stand.

**Parents must NOT enter the school site with a vehicle. A member of staff was injured in January 2020 and remains absent due to his injuries, when struck by a parent's vehicle. This is despite**

**weekly requests via the newsletter to not enter the site and signs at the gate. Our students' safety is our first priority and selfish acts as these put children's health and welfare at risk.**

#### Morning entrance route

Yr7	Community Entrance via tennis courts
Yr8	Gym rear entrance via tennis courts
Yr9	B/C Link via Yr7 Yard
Yr10	Student entrance
Yr11	Visitor entrance

Students may enter site through whichever gate is more convenient to their direction of travel to school. However, once on site Yr7&8 will walk up the road towards Woolton Hall and between the tennis courts to access their entrance. Yr9, 10 and 11 will walk up towards main reception and enter via their designated entrance, with Yr9 crossing the playgrounds to go up to the B/C link access door.

#### Morning assembly points

Yr7	Sports Hall
Yr8	Gym
Yr9	Dance Studio
Yr10	Dorothy Stang Theatre
Yr11	Dining Room

Form Tutors will need to gather with the students in the relevant assembly point each morning to escort students to registration via designated routes.

#### Break

Yr7	Yr7 Yard
Yr8	Upper Courts
Yr9	Lower Courts
Yr10	Main Yard
Yr11	Dining room

If it is a wet break students go to the morning assembly points.

#### Lunches

	P4	P5	P6
Monday	7/8	9/10	11
Tuesday	8/11	7/9	10
Wednesday	7/8	10/11	9
Thursday	7/8	9/11	10
Friday	7/8	9/10	11

## Zones

Zone	Area	Year group
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Block B (English)	10
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Block A (Maths)	11
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Block B (RE/MFL)	9
4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Block B/A303/307	8
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Block B (Hums)	7

There are 8 classrooms per zone so sets and groups can be maintained for each subject. Each zone will have designated toilets and only those toilets can be used each day by the year group. Yr8 Zone is Science labs, so they will move out and move to the incoming year group's zone.

The Science days are as follows:

Monday	Yr11
Tuesday	Yr9
Wednesday	Yr10
Thursday	Yr7
Friday	Yr8

There are 10 designated 6 Form classrooms designated around school, including 2 Science labs (A206 and A207). Apart from when students are in lessons, 6 Form must remain with the designated 6 Form area

## Changing rooms

All Yr9 have PE on Tuesday so they can arrive in their PE kit that day. Yr7 have one dedicated changing room, Yr8 have two dedicated changing rooms and Yr10&11 have one dedicated changing room. These are determined by the number of lessons per day.

## End of day

Yr7-11 will register in last classroom and will be dismissed at 3.15pm. This is still being reviewed. Students will be directed to leave through designated routes and exits which they must adhere to. **If there are updates or amendments to this plan you will be notified. Please check the website for any further details.**