

## TURNEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Return to School – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

I do hope that you are well and that you and your family have enjoyed a pleasant summer. I wrote to you on the 16<sup>th</sup> July with our plans for the return to school.

We have enclosed our updated risk assessment. Our risk assessment aims to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 as much as possible but as you will fully appreciate we cannot eliminate all risk.

The government guidance is clear in that it allows schools to consider their own context in deciding how to offer the broad and balanced curriculum that pupils need in order to enjoy school and succeed. Throughout our planning, we have taken into account the need to keep everyone safe: pupils, staff and parents/carers. Most pupils have been away from school for a long period of time and our desire is for them to return to as normal a school experience as possible; this is important for both their well-being and education.

As suggested by government guidance, our model treats each year group/class as a 'bubble' and minimise the possibility of contact and interaction between members of different year groups/classes. We want all pupils to access the full range of subjects and enjoy play between lessons. Teachers and support staff will be teaching in their own classrooms, managing the hygiene and learning in a familiar and consistent environment for pupils. With all this in mind, we have decided to operate a curriculum and school day very close to what students are used to. There will be staggered starts and finishes to the school day and breaks to ensure a safe, calm and ordered environment.

### Getting to and from school

SEND buses and taxis will run as normal and in liaison with the local authorities. We are staggering the start and finish of the day to ensure pupils arrive and depart in their bubbles as close as possible.

- Lambeth SEND buses will transport pupils in Key Stages; KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5.
- Southwark SEND buses will transport pupils in groups based on Primary and Secondary.
- Merton, Croydon, Wandsworth and Greenwich taxis will transport pupils individual or in groups based in Primary, Secondary and Post 16.

If you intend to bring your child to school by car, foot or by public transport please note the staggered start and finish times to the school day. Please ensure you do not arrive more than five minutes before the school start and finish times:

- Primary pupils start at 8.30am and finish at 2:00pm
- Secondary pupils start at 9:00am and finish at 2.30pm
- Post 16 pupils start at 9.30am and finish at 3:00pm.

### Attendance

We expect all students to return to school in September.

Please let us know if there are any family health concerns that might affect attendance.

We are keen to support all pupils in their return to school and appreciate that some may be anxious or out of routine having not been in school for several months. If you need support, please contact the school.



community learning to begin as soon as possible. You will receive an individual letter to inform you of these planned activities.

PE lessons will continue as usual being taught by their class bubble teacher. Pupils will change into their PE kit as normal (with the changing rooms thoroughly sanitised in-between class bubbles as will any equipment used). At this time, we will not be able to loan PE clothing to students so please ensure that your child brings their own PE clothing. You will receive an individual timetable letting you know when your child will have PE. We will be limiting the number of pupils in exercise areas and wherever possible PE lessons will be outdoors. The school is closely monitoring sport national governing body guidance for each sport to ensure that any recommendations made are incorporated into our teaching methods.

### **Food Technology**

The setup of our rooms are suitable for this subject to continue in its normal manner. Pupils will not be sharing aprons, but will be required to use a disposable apron which will be provided by the school.

### **Art**

This will continue to be taught as a practical subject delivering a full art experience for students. Pupils will be provided with a disposable apron when necessary and equipment will be sanitised between each user and at the end of the lesson.

### **Assembly**

Large multi-group assemblies will be replaced by Singing and Signing Assemblies which will be provided online through Google Classroom while pupils remain in their own bubble classrooms.

### **Parent visits / meetings**

As much as we like seeing you in school, we are having to limit these occasions for obvious reasons:

- Please double-check your child has everything they need for the day. Parents/carers will not be able to drop off any forgotten kit/lunch. Essential medication should be handed to your child's escort or support staff member at the start of the day.
- We will not be hosting any physical meetings with parents and will continue to have online meetings through **Google Meets**.
- We welcome you to continue contacting the school by phone or email.

### **Uniform**


There is no change to uniform as a result of Covid-19 and pupils are expected to wear school uniform. The school polo shirts, pullovers and PE kit can be purchased from **Wearabouts Norwood**, 358 Norwood Road, London, SE27 9AA. The store is open from Monday to Saturday from 9:30am to 5:30pm. They are also providing a click and collect service via their webpage <https://wearaboutsonline.com> and can also be contacted on 0208 244 7887. All items of clothing worn to school should be clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Thank you once again for working with us during this time and for your continued support and look forward to seeing your child on **4th September**.


Please do not hesitate to email or phone if you would like to discuss this further.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,



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**Jo Tovey**  
Head of School  
Turney School

Enclosures