



Pendle Community High School & College

Rated **Outstanding** in all areas 

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING MOST RECENT GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER REOPENING

1st September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Starting dates and transport

The starting dates remain the same as in the previous correspondence:

Year groups	Starting Date
Years 7 and 12	Wednesday 2 nd September onwards
Years 9, 11 and 14	Thursday 3 rd September onwards
Years 8, 10 and 13	Friday 4 th September onwards

If your child is eligible for transport the LCC transport team will have been in contact with you about your child's pick-up time. If your child is not eligible for transport or you have offered to transport your child to school yourself for the time being, please ensure when you arrive that you keep your child in the car or stood with yourself socially distanced from other people if you have walked. Your child will be invited into school once staff are ready to safely receive them.

To increase flexibility for dropping off or picking up students over the first few weeks' arrival can be between **8.45-9:15am** and departure between **2.45-3.15pm**. This is to enable us to manage students as safely as possible in and out of school.

All students will access school and college via the sensory garden entrance unless specifically directed otherwise.

It is essential that students must not come into school or college if they or any member of your family is showing any symptoms of Covid-19.

Lunch-time/ Dinners

Hot dinners will be being served again by the campus catering team although will have limited options. The hot trolley service will only have 3 options (usually 4) and the refectory





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is limited to two main options. Once the catering team have established a routine again for both schools they hope to increase the options available.

Year 7s, 8s and 9s	Hot trolley service:
Students in Calder , Wenning and Blacko	Traditional English meal & pudding Vegetarian option & pudding Jacket potato & pudding
College Key Stage 4 students (except those forms listed above)	Refectory: Panini Pasta Sandwich grab bag (including biscuit and piece of fruit)

If your child would normally choose a meal from the refectory and the lack of options could be a potential problem, or you prefer to send your child in with a packed lunch until more options are available please do so.

Swimming and hydrotherapy

There will be no swimming (Year 7s) and no hydrotherapy. This will be reviewed at half term and will be in line with the most up to date Govt. guidance.

Communal areas & Face masks (recent Govt. guidance)

Zones have been established in school and college and all forms (bubbles) will have radios for additional communication. As most lessons will be taught in the form room there will be little movement along any corridor. Additionally all staff will check the corridors before taking their form group out and so there should only ever be one class plus staff (approx. 14 – 17 people max) at a time on any corridor.

The tables in the dining areas will be suitably distanced and each zone has its own play area to further reduce contact. Initially there will be no **whole school** assemblies and also at the end of the day when transport arrives, duty staff will radio down for individuals to come to the bus so that not all students are waiting in the same place. This way there will be no communal gatherings and your child will be with his/her bubble throughout the day.

Govt. guidance says masks are not necessary in a class room however if you wish your child to wear one, we can provide them with one but please let us know.



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Any visitors (Including parents) to school will need to wear a mask unless they have a medical note to say they are exempt.

Self –isolation, Track/ Test & Trace & home learning

Any child who becomes unwell at school will be sent home immediately, and parents / carers must book a test and self-isolate for 10 days.

In the event of a bubble closing parents and carers will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms.
- provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves then they should also get tested.

- If the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- If the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)

In the event of a bubble or zone self-isolating the staff will continue to engage with the students via zoom and through homework packs that will be sent home. Please ensure your child's form tutor has an email address through which to contact you

KS3		
Hodder (Yr 7 from mainstream schools)	Miss Kirk	jkirk@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Irwell (Yr 7 from PVPS)	Mrs. Gibbons	lgibbons@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Ribble	Mrs. Chatburn	jchatburn@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Yarrow	Mrs. Kinnane	jkinnane@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Wyre	Mrs. Endersby	cendersby@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Darwen	Mr. Wilson	dwilson@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
KS3 & KS4 mixed class		
Wenning	Miss Greenwood	sgreenwood@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Calder	Mrs. Plant	splant@pchs.lancs.sch.uk



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KS4		
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Pendle	Mrs. Chambers	jchambers@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Blacko	Mrs. Blyth	sblyth@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
College		
Marsden	Mrs. Dean	ndean@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Lytham	Mr. Sharp	dsharp@pchs.lancs.sch.uk
Bowland	Mrs. Huggett	ahuggett@pchs.lancs.sch.uk

Bubble or zone closures may also happen if there are insufficient staff to run the group safely and also, if all members of SLT have been instructed to self-isolate then it is possible the school, as a whole, would need to close.

Finally, I appreciate that this letter is lengthy and that the advice keeps changing but if you are unsure about anything please contact the NHS and/or your child's form tutor.

Hopefully any closures will be kept to a minimum and we look forward to welcoming your child back to PCHSC in September.

Yours sincerely



Ms Debra Grogan – Headteacher

