

Dear Families

Following our letter of the 21st August we would like to update you again about the reopening of school from next week.

As you will be aware, new advice has been issued for all schools, colleges and other education settings in areas subject to local restrictions, with face coverings required in corridors and communal areas for staff and students in Year 7 and above (unless they have exemptions). Face coverings are currently not recommended in the classroom. Please can you ensure that your daughter brings their own face covering and that hygiene rules are strictly followed. It is particularly important that face coverings are carefully put on and removed without touching the front area that covers the nose and mouth. Washable face coverings should be stored in sealable plastic bags. Further guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>  
 Our previous guidance (21st August) about the wearing of face coverings on transport to and from school remains the same.

As part of this we want to ensure that we are able to make immediate contact with parents if we need to do so. It is really important that the reply slip below is returned to school via your daughter on her first day back in school. In addition if you feel your circumstances have changed and your daughter is now entitled to free school meals please contact [lbland@batleygirls.co.uk](mailto:lbland@batleygirls.co.uk) and she will be able to advise you.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school and to full time education and have taken extensive steps to ensure that all students can be confident about their return. As outlined previously, the first week is a transition week and is staggered for all students. This is to enable us to ensure that everyone understands our new routines and procedures (please see table below).

Our overarching principle is to ensure that students in school experience a high quality, broad and balanced curriculum, whilst staying safe.

<b>Monday 7th September</b>	<b>Staff CPD and induction day</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th September</b>	<b>Year 7 only</b>
<b>Wednesday 9th September</b>	<b>Year 7 and Year 12 only</b>
<b>Thursday 10th September</b>	<b>Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12 only</b>
<b>Friday 11th September</b>	<b>Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 only</b>

From Monday 14th September, all students will return to full time education. To help us maintain Year Group bubbles, we will need to adapt the way students arrive at school and the areas in which younger students are taught. We will also have a one-way system for the main route around school, which will be in operation for staff and students from 8.25am-2.50pm. We have signage around school to ensure that everyone is reminded of our procedures combined with extensive hand sanitiser stations and hygiene procedures.

We have staggered break and lunchtimes, so that all students can access snacks, hot food and designated social spaces. Details will be shared with students during the transition week. Initially, we will only be able to offer a limited breakfast service for Year 10 and 11 and, from 14th September, for Year 7. However, we will review this when we have established the new routines.

### Arrival

It is very important that we don't have students or parents congregating at the school gates and we have measures in place to ensure that students are swiftly guided into school.

There will be clear signage at the front of school and a team of staff to guide and support students as they establish new routines.

When students arrive at school we will use 3 entrances so that we can minimise contact with others. If possible, we would like Year 7 to arrive as close to 8.00am and Year 8 to arrive as close to 8.20am as possible. We appreciate that not all families will be able to arrange this. However, even if in small numbers, this will be useful.

- Year 7 will use the right hand filter of the main gate and follow the outside path to the Year 7 zone.
- Year 8 will use the right hand filter of the main gate and go directly into the Year 8 zone.
- Year 9 will use the left hand filter of the main gate and then access school via the student entrance.
- Year 10 will use the left hand filter of the main gate and enter school through Reception.
- Year 11 will use the side entrance near the main hall.
- Post 16 will use the Sixth Form entrance.

We would encourage Post 16 students, in line with the college environment to attend school for lessons only, provided transport can be arranged. For example, if students have a late start or an early finish, they will be able to arrive later and leave school early, if they wish to and are able to.

At the end of the school day, we will allow Year 7 and 8 students to leave slightly earlier than other students. Further details will follow during transition week.

We would like to thank you for all your ongoing support of the school and of your daughter's education. Our partnership with you is a major reason for the continued success of the school and we are grateful for all that you do. We will work together with all our young people and their families to ensure that we provide the best possible educational experience.

Kindest regards

Julie & David

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REPLY SLIP

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

Name of preferred parent/carer contact:

Priority number to call if urgent contact is required:

Is the named contact a key worker? Y/ N

Please ensure that your daughter hands this to her Form Tutor on her first day in school.