

FAQ for students

Please go through these questions with your child, we have tried, where possible, to limit deviation from the wording of the Government Guidance. This is to ensure you have a clear un-edited picture of our requirements during this time.

When will I be expected to attend?

Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of you returning to school. For many of you, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, we have planned for all students to return and start to reverse the enormous costs of missed education. This will be an important move back towards normal life for many of you.

Full attendance is required of all students. Unless you have been advised by a medical professional not to attend school, in which case you will still access learning opportunities through our Phase 3 online provision

In March when the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was increasing, the Government made it clear that no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school.

Now the circumstances have changed, and it is vital for all students to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on our student's education, well-being and wider development.

School attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn term (September 2020). This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- Parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered student at school, and they are of compulsory school age;
- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1st August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that even the small number of students who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. Read the [current advice on shielding](#)

- Some students no longer required to shield, but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional, may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school in September (usually at their next planned clinical appointment). You can find more advice from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Where a student is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will immediately offer you access to remote education. Stanley High School will monitor the engagement with interaction with remote learning in these cases.

What should I bring?

It is recommended that you bring a limited amount of equipment into school. You must bring a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener as a minimum. If you are unable to access equipment, please talk to your Year Leader or Mr Lock immediately. We must limit the sharing out of any equipment.

Mobile phones must be switched off and kept securely in an inside pocket or bag unless you have been permitted the educational use of it.

All bags should be plain and kept under your desk by your feet.

We would advise all students, where possible, to have personal hand sanitiser and tissues.

Can I use my locker?

Unfortunately, we cannot currently allow students to use lockers, as this will add to movement around the school and create more frequently touched surfaces. Students are to bring a bag to school and keep belongings with them. All belongings to

be taken home at the end of the day. Lockers to be emptied during the first week when you are in the same zone as your locker.

What should I do with my coat?

Firstly, well done for bringing your coat, you may need this as you will be outside of the building for breaks and lunchtime. This is to allow you access to the opportunity to move around and get fresh air. All coats must be removed in classrooms and either placed on the back of your own chair or in your bag. Please do not lend your coat to anyone or put it with or next to another person's belongings.

What if I feel unwell?

Ensuring that students do not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 7 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

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A rapid response to illness may save community lives.

Where and when should I wash my hands?

We will expect you to visit your hand washing station as soon as you enter our school building. Sanitiser will be available to use for any room changes within your daily learning zone. Hands must be washed before and after using the toilet, before and after break times and immediately once you return home. You may choose to bring a personal hand sanitiser into school – this would be a great idea.

Can I use a hand dryer?

All the hand dryers in school have been disabled. All toilets now have paper towels for you to thoroughly dry your hands. Please use these sensibly and dispose of correctly afterwards. Paper towels go in the bin.

What about access to drinks?

We are unable to let you use our drinking fountains as this piece of school equipment would be a high contact point and potentially be a method of spreading Covid-19. Please bring enough water with you for the day. Remember that fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. Don't forget to clearly name your drinks bottle.

What if I arrive on my bike?

It is extremely prevalent given the increase in bike theft in the town that you bring and use a secure lock for your bike. We cannot monitor the bike sheds all day and although they are locked for most of the day and we have CCTV, this is not enough of a deterrent or enough to get a bike back to its owner. Depending on your school entry point that day you will be able to access the bike sheds from the front and back of school. Regardless of you having a bike you must still enter and exit the school by your daily learning zone door. It is important to maintain a 2m social distance from anyone not in your year group when storing and collecting your bike.

What if I have a medical appointment which cannot be arranged outside of school hours?

Please bring a letter as notification of your appointment. Show this to your registration teacher who will sign it to show they have seen it, hold on to this letter until you need to leave the zone – your teacher will call for you to be picked up and escorted to the front of school. On signing out, the office will keep a copy of the letter for our attendance records.

What will a classroom look like?

All classrooms will be arranged so that students are sat facing the front of the room. Once sat in the classroom you should not move around the classroom and avoid close proximity face to face conversations. You must maintain a distance from your teachers at all times. Maintaining social distance from your zone teachers reduces a potential spread of the virus. You

must listen carefully to any reminders regarding social distancing from each other and from our staff. Consequences of not following instructions will be dealt with as a serious incident.

Can I make Covid-19 related jokes?

As a school we have adapted our behaviour policy to match the impact of Covid-19. We will not tolerate any Covid-19 related incidents as anything less than a serious breach of behaviour conduct or potential threats to life. Whilst we understand this may sound severe, as a school we will never take the responsibility of the safety of a student, staff member or community member lightly. Our ability to apply school sanctions and school responsibility for your conduct and behaviour stretches beyond the school gates and into the community. Any breaches of behaviour policy, where health is threatened, will be treated with severe consequences to the continuation of learning at Stanley High School.

No you cannot make Covid-19 related jokes, people have lost lives, families have lost loved ones.

Can I wear a face mask?

Due to a Government perceived low probability of contraction, no students or staff are required to wear PPE. We do recognise that wearing a face covering can ease some anxiety about being in school. As long as you follow the face covering guidance, we welcome students to take precautions that allow them to feel safe in our school setting. This is something you may want to talk to us about on an individual basis. Please contact your form tutor or year leader initially through Teams private message.

You must remember the following if you choose to wear a facemask; you must not to touch the front of your face covering during use or when removing it. You must wash/sanitise your hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all students), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin (peddle bins by zone entry points) or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag you can take home with you, and then wash your hands again before heading to your daily learning zone.

Facemasks must be plain and display no logos or designs.

What uniform do I need?

You will be expected to wear your full school uniform. Wearing uniform will make the sessions feel more school like and give us a sense of normality. Please have a letter explaining any missing uniform. We understand there may be financial concerns at the very start of the school year or even issues with sourcing the correct items. You must wear and bring spare kit/sports clothes on your PE days.

What if I am early to school?

We understand that sometimes it is unavoidable to arrive early to school. Where possible please arrive as close to your start time as possible. If you arrive early, please do not wait for friends or mix with anyone from another year group. Please go directly to your daily learning zone entry point and enter your zone. Remember to wash your hands at the hand washing station as soon as you arrive.

What if I am late to school?

Punctuality to school is extremely important. The beginning of the day is where you get a chance to get sorted and organised. This is where your teacher will go through any zone procedures and inform you if anything has changed. If you are late please come to the front entrance of school. A member of the office team will sign you in and ask you to wait at a social distance to any one not in your year group. You will be picked up and escorted to your zone area. Please talk to your head of year initially if you are struggling to arrive at school on time.

Year 7,8 and 9 start at 9am

Year 10 and 11 start at 8:40am

What social distancing do I have to do?

Whilst in your year group bubble you do not need to stay 2m from other students. Please remember to avoid close up face to face conversations. Avoid sharing equipment or food. You must stay 2m apart from any students not in your year group bubble. We have a number of measures in place to prevent any year groups coming into contact. You must stay in your allocated zone at all times unless escorted by a staff member.

You must stay at a 2m distance from school staff where possible. The Government have given us guidelines which allow teachers to move through areas of school. We have taken every step to minimise this, however some staff will move through zones. You will be reminded about social distancing measures on a regular basis and must follow them for the safety of students, staff and the community.

I need to use public transport what should I do?

Please talk with your families about the latest Government updates regarding travel advice and safety.

Who can I see outside of school?

In your school year group bubble, you do not have to social distance. We can put a number of steps in place in school to ensure this bubble is maintained. Please limit any contact with anyone from a different year group unless they are a sibling. If you cannot avoid a student from another year group outside school, a 2m social distance measure must be maintained or 1m if you are taking further steps to prevent spreading the virus.

What should I do for food at lunchtime?

We want to strongly encourage you to bring your own packed lunches to school, our canteen will be available to offer food delivery off a limited menu. Lunch will need to be ordered and paid for a week ahead. A school system will be in place to make this as easy as possible and limit mixing of year groups in the canteen area.

During break and lunchtime, you must remember to use the bins around you to place all your rubbish in. As a School we have number of additional site pressures during this time and picking up your litter should never be one of them.

Where will I go at break and lunchtime?

Each daily learning zone has an outdoor and indoor space allocated for breaks and lunchtime. You must not enter another zone during this time.

Break time and lunchtime are staggered to limit a high number of students being out of lesson. During breaks and lunch, you must only use your allocated toilet facilities and allocated area. Failure to do so will be dealt with as a serious incident. There is no food available from the canteen during break time.

What if I need the toilet?

You will be able to use the toilet. This will be permitted by staff on the basis that the number of students in the toilets at once will be limited. Numbers will be monitored. You will be directed to the toilet allocated to the daily learning zone. You must maintain high standards of hygiene when using the toilet. Wash hands for 20 seconds before and after use. Ensure you leave the toilet flushed and clean. We will be doing extra toilet checks and cleaning during the day.

Are there any changes to fire procedures?

We will continue with the normal school fire procedures. When lining up in your designated area, please remember our social distance spacing. We will conduct a fire practice on rotation on your first day back in the building.

How can I contact school?

Our school office is open from 9am until 3:30pm every day for telephone enquiries on 01704 228940 or via email enquiries@stanleyhigh.co.uk. For pastoral concerns please contact your form tutor or year leader, or in an emergency the safeguarding phone number is 07966 230059.

I have more questions

Please contact your current form tutor or year leader via Teams if you have any further questions. From here they will help you or direct your question to someone who can. Please let us respond to any of your worries. If you have a question, that means others may as well. This will give us a chance to communicate well with all families if we have missed something during this change.

How long will this last?

We are currently planning this Phase to last for the first half term. We will continue to reflect on what we are doing and adapt to any changes in public health and local community health. This is still a very volatile time, but we will always listen and respond to Government Guidance. Your health, your family's health and the health of our community is very important to us.