



FAQs September Opening 2020

Following responses to our recent parental survey regarding school return in September 2020, please find answers below:

Transport to school

Will the bus services be running as normal? Will children be travelling in class or year group bubbles? How many spaces will be available on the buses? Is there an update on the C78 service for Calderdale? When will we receive confirmation of our child's place on the C78 bus?

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) who manage the buses in Kirklees have informed us of the following:

Government guidance states that dedicated school bus services will be treated differently to the public transport network in that social distancing will not be required. It also states that additional school bus services should be provided where possible to reduce reliance on the public transport network and that children who live within two miles of school should walk or cycle where possible.

Services to All Saints that operated in the 2019/20 academic year (preCOVID-19) will be put back into place.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to transport children in class or year bubbles and services will therefore be scheduled according to where children live. The DfE guidance does not require year/class bubbles to be kept separate on transport.

In following the Government guidance allowing higher occupancy rates, we will be using all seating capacity on buses. On secondary school services, all children will be required to wear a face covering unless exempted for medical or other reasons. Travel Assistance Cards to show to the driver are available for download at wymetro.com.

Subject to availability, the Combined Authority will arrange additional, temporary, school bus services to ensure that children are not required to stand.

We will prioritise the transport needs of children who live furthest away from school. As a starting point we will aim to transport all children who live more than two miles away. Where children live less than two miles from school, we would assume they will walk or cycle to school in line with Government guidance. By prioritising services in this way, it will assist in redeploying vehicles to areas of high demand.

Operators will be required to follow Government guidance on hygiene and cleanliness.

To support the above, where applicable, the **closing date for receipt of applications for bus passes has been extended** from 26th June 2020 to **31st July 2020**. This will allow more time for service planning. Applications received after this date may mean your children are not factored into the new arrangements.

Please complete the following survey to inform the WYCA decision on school bus provision from September 2020: <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/schools-transport>

The survey closes on 31st July 2020.

We are awaiting a response from First Bus who provide the C78 service and will notify parents once this is received. We have procured an additional bus, the C79, to run alongside the C78 and enable us to offer more spaces to our students. Please note that the C79 starts its route at Calderdale Royal Hospital. Timings for both buses are in the process of being confirmed and these will be communicated to parents before the end of the summer holidays.

Priority passes for the C78 and C79 services are being dealt with in school and will be issued to students once the school photographer has visited and student photos are available to be included on the pass. Until then, an arrangement has been made between the bus company and the school that for the first and second week of term, students can board these services without the pass. Tickets can be bought via the App or paid per journey/weekly on the bus. We are confident that with the additional C79 bus service there will be sufficient places for all students whose parents responded to our initial survey this academic year.

Face Coverings

Do face coverings have to be disposable? Can my child wear washable/reusable face coverings on the bus, or one with changeable filters? My child has a condition which means they cannot wear a face covering on the bus, what should I do?

Students should bring 2 face coverings with them, either disposable or washable. Each covering should have its own plastic bag.

The face covering worn on the bus in a morning should be removed on disembarkation from the bus. If the face covering is disposable this can be thrown away in one of the bins provided at school. If the face covering is washable, once removed it should be placed in an empty plastic bag and retained by the child to take home and be washed.

The second face covering should be brought to school with the child in a separate plastic bag and remain sealed until they need to put it on prior to embarking the bus for their return journey home.

Students who use the bus and do not bring a second mask for the return journey will be refused entry to the bus, and a parent will need to collect them from school.

Face coverings with changeable filters can be used subject to manufacturers recommended guidance being adhered to.

Should your child have a medical reason for not wearing a face covering on the bus, you should refer to the 'Transport to School' section above.

PE kit

My child is travelling to school on the bus/if the weather is bad, can they wear a school tracksuit to cover up on PE days? Should my child wear their dance kit to school or their uniform when this is timetabled? Can trainers be worn all day on a PE day? Is there a requirement for a specific type and/or colour of trainer to be worn?

On PE days, students will be required to wear their normal school PE kit (trainers, ASCHC football socks, ASCHC shorts/ASCHC leggings (girls) and ASCHC polo shirt/ASCHC rugby top). If required, this can be supplemented with the All Saints tracksuit bottoms and All Saints hooded sweatshirt. This applies to dance lessons also. All items are available to purchase from Term Time Wear and Natasha Schoolwear in Huddersfield.

On PE days, trainers may be worn all day. Other than those listed on the BfL policy as not suitable, the style and colour of trainers is not dictated.

Please view our BfL policy here: <https://www.aschc.com/behaviour-for-learning-policy/>

Full school uniform should be worn at all other times.

Dining Hall arrangements

Will food be on sale to students for breakfast, breaktime and lunchtime? What will lunchtime arrangements be?

Food will only be available at lunchtime. Availability at breaktime is subject to review early on in the term. A slightly reduced menu will be offered to students.

We recommend a packed lunch is brought in, along with a snack, and a bottle of water. Water fountains will continue to be turned off for health & safety purposes.

Students will use the dining hall in their separated year groups and the timings for this will be slightly different to those they are used to.

Return to school

Why are the majority of students returning on Thursday 10th September? What are the staggered start and finish times? Will class sizes remain the same as pre Covid-19, or will they be reduced? Can my child arrive late if I have other children to drop off at other schools/nurseries whose opening times have changed due to current circumstances? Is the use of the High Park car park for dropping off and collecting students a temporary arrangement?

As per the start of every academic year, staff training days are taking place to ensure all staff are fully aware of specialist information, and in this year's case, prepared for the changes required by the Government to ensure safe working practices for both students and staff from September.

The Wednesday of this week is solely for our new Year 7 and Year 11 students. In the case of the Year 7 students, who have not been able to visit the school, they will have the opportunity to see their surroundings, meet staff and their other Year 7 peers. This will be a chance to welcome them to All Saints without the pressure of a simultaneous whole school return.

School start times are as identified in the letter. Students' movement will be from 8.35am. College finishes at 3.10pm and movement will be only slightly staggered, to accommodate the buses, by a few minutes. We are awaiting final arrival times for buses.

We expect all students to arrive on time to school, and the site is open to students from 8.15am each day to accommodate this. Students will be guided to zoned areas for their year groups on arrival to school, whilst they are waiting to be admitted into the building.

Class sizes will remain the same as pre Covid-19.

The use of the High Park car park for dropping off and collecting children is a continuous arrangement. Please be aware school will not be supervising this area, and children should always behave in a sensible and appropriate manner whilst entering and exiting the car park, being mindful of cars and other users.

Information re: Covid-19 cases

I have a family member at home who is shielding and would like to be informed of any cases in school.

We will be following government guidance in the event of any cases or suspected cases of Covid-19. Please refer to the guidance issued to schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

New Year 7 Students - additional questions not covered above

Where does my child get their planner from? What equipment should they bring with them to school? Will they need to carry their bag with them all day?

Planners will be issued to all students during the first week of term by their Learning Tutor.

Please refer to our BfL policy <https://www.aschc.com/behaviour-for-learning-policy/> for a list of uniform, PE kit and other required items.

Lockers will be unavailable, and students will therefore be required to carry their belongings with them. We do not dictate bag size or colour although it should be of a suitable size to carry their books and equipment.

If your child has a lesson in the same classroom both before and after either break or lunch, they will be able to leave their belongings in that classroom and it will be locked until the beginning of the next lesson.