



## Tudor Grange Kingshurst Academy Face-to-Face Contact Frequently Asked Questions

All this information can be sourced directly from the Department for Education 'Information for parents and carer' guidance document from the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Please see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

**Q1: Why are more children returning to school?**

More children are returning to school as the DfE, (Department for Education), are citing that they are following scientific advice and that they feel that it is safe to do so.

**Q2: Can my child in Y7-Y9 attend school?**

No, unless you are a key worker, other year groups cannot attend school. This is to maintain a smaller number of students and staff in school. This will further support social distancing and staffing shortage concerns. Online learning and Challenge Grids will continue to be updated for all students.

**Q3: I want all staff and students to wear PPE?**

We will follow the government guidance, to the best of our capabilities. Children will not be wearing facemasks and neither will staff. This is in-line with the government guidance stating 'wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended'. More information on this can be found in the document entitled Coronavirus (COVID-19: Implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings, 12 May 2020). Please see the link below, for further details

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19->

**Q4: Will my child have his/her own teachers, and be taught in their normal classes?**

No, in some cases, students will have different teachers. This is because classes may need to be halved to allow for social distancing. In addition, we have to work around some staff shortages as some teachers are being shielding or self-isolating too.

**Q5: Why can my child not attend school all day, every day?**

Unfortunately, this is not possible. This is due to the need to reduce student numbers in classes and ensuring we have spacious areas and smaller classes sizes. The guidance states 'For pupils in year 10 and 12, we are asking schools and colleges to supplement remote education with some face to face support for these year groups from 1 June. We do not expect these pupils to return to school or college on a full-time basis at this stage, and so we do not expect a full timetable to be offered as schools and colleges look to minimise the number of pupils in school or college each day'. Online learning and challenge grids will continue to supplement in-school, face-to-face learning workshops.

**Q6: How will the academy ensure my child socially distances on the way in to school, and on the bus home?**

Unfortunately, once the students leave our site, we cannot maintain supervision over the journey to and from the academy. We can help by promoting this, in school and in addition, we will endeavour to begin the day a little later, in the hope that public transport will be quieter, if required.

**Q7: Can I be fined for not sending my child to school?**

No, according to the guidance 'parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time'.

**Q8: My child suffers with asthma or another medical condition – shall I send them back into school?**

Please consult a medical professional for a response to this question.

**Q9: When will we find out more information?**

We are currently working hard to make plans that are safe and clear. More information will follow as and when we have completed all of our safety standard checks, risk assessments and staffing updates. We will keep in contact via text or email. Please contact [info@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk), for any urgent requests.