

<b>Updated information on the return to Cambourne Village College September 2020</b>	
<b>Coronavirus Adaptations</b>	
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>We are expecting all pupils to return to full attendance at school. Please see attached separate letter on attendance. For the rationale behind this, please see letter from the UK Chief Medical Officers on this link:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-from-the-uk-chief-medical-officers-on-schools-and-childcare-reopening">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-from-the-uk-chief-medical-officers-on-schools-and-childcare-reopening</a></p>
<b>Local Picture</b>	Recorded cases of Covid-19 in Cambridgeshire remain 'statistically significantly better' than rates across England.
<b>Symptoms of COVID-19</b>	<p>Please do not send your child to school if they or any member of your household are showing any of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>a high temperature</b> – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</li> <li>• <b>a new, continuous cough</b> – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</li> <li>• <b>a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</b> – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal</li> </ul> <p>You should isolate your child and the rest of household while tests are undertaken. Tests can be booked online: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus">NHS.uk/coronavirus</a> or call 119. Please inform the school of the absence as usual.</p>
<b>Hand hygiene and sanitising</b>	<p>This forms the most effective barrier for protection against the risk of COVID-19. Students and staff are encouraged to use both hand-washing and sanitising as part of a routine school day. Sanitising stations are installed at the entrances to school, in classrooms and in dining halls. Students and staff will be required to carry out hand sanitising on entering and leaving the venues, to reduce contamination risks.</p> <p>The school will be using fixed, tamperproof dispensers which will be a combination of alcohol and detergent-based sanitiser.</p> <p>Students are encouraged also to bring their own supply of 60% alcohol hand sanitiser to school. These will be supplied to Pupil Premium pupils.</p>
<b>Control measures</b>	<p>As explained in the information video of July:  <a href="https://www.loom.com/share/8afd89205ba843b2a49d5c1b4eba801b">https://www.loom.com/share/8afd89205ba843b2a49d5c1b4eba801b</a> , significant control measures have been implemented. Pupils will remain largely within designated year group areas, each having their own discrete classrooms, outdoor areas, toilets and dining facilities. Subject teachers will circulate around the pupils' classrooms and remain in marked-out areas at the front of the room, 2 metres distant from pupils. Pupils will not be socially distanced from each other within their area, but will be socially distanced from other year groups and from staff, as much as possible. Pupils will sit in rows, facing forward. Group work will not take place inside. This is in accordance with the Government's 'bubble' principle which enables rapid identification of contacts if a case of coronavirus occurs. Some classes in Key Stage 4 will continue to take place in specialist rooms which will be cleaned between different bubbles' use. An enhanced cleaning regime is in place, with frequently-touched surfaces and toilets prioritised for additional cleaning during the school day.</p>

<b>Face Coverings</b>	We ask that pupils bring an appropriate mask and a sealable plastic bag for its storage to school each day. They will not generally be asked to wear these, since pupils will be working within their bubble, but they may be asked to wear them occasionally. Training will be given on how to wear and store masks safely. We do not encourage pupils to wear masks around school or in classrooms; if you have a particular reason for your child to need to wear a mask at school, please contact your year team so that this can be recorded. Pupil Premium pupils will be issued with a mask if required. Staff are recommended to wear visors at school. Some may also be wearing masks; these teachers are aware of the possible communication difficulties that may ensue and will take measures to mitigate these.
<b>First aid provision</b>	The College is well resourced in having a full-time school nurse and therefore is prepared for potential COVID-19 cases. There will be the usual triage and treatment room, in addition to a 'suspected COVID-19' isolation area for staff and student use. Suitable supplies of PPE and sanitising materials are already stocked in preparation for any potential cases.
<b>Community Use</b>	Letting are severely restricted at present. Inside spaces will only be used by the community when they can be thoroughly cleaned before and after use.
<b>Pupil Information – a separate presentation will be delivered to pupils</b>	
<b>Pupil Medication</b>	If your child needs to keep medication at school, please send them with an in-date supply and all documentation on their first day. This will be collected from them and stored centrally.
<b>Behaviour</b>	We understand that pupils will need some time to acclimatise to being back at school and will induct them carefully into the new regime. However, it is essential that pupils cooperate with the new measures in place. They will not be permitted physical contact with each other at any time and any behaviour that compromises safety will be dealt with seriously. We know we have a lot of time to make up and are expecting the highest standards of behaviour for learning.
<b>Uniform</b>	Students will be required to wear school uniform as usual. Extra layers worn invisibly <b>under</b> the polo shirt might be helpful since we are keeping the building very well ventilated! There have been some gaps in provision from our suppliers but these should affect very few pupils – please let your year team know of any difficulties you may have. On days when students have PE, they will be required to attend school in their PE kit and change into normal uniform after a morning PE lesson. Additional layers may be worn if the weather conditions require, in accordance with the PE department policy.
<b>ID Badges</b>	ID badges are an essential part of school uniform, especially as we have many new teachers this term. They are worn fixed to the front of the school jumper just under the V, or beneath the buttons of the polo shirt if no jumper is worn.
<b>Pupil Equipment</b>	Pupils should be encouraged to bring all they need for school in their bag, including all books, pens, pencils, gluestick, scissors and calculator. Masks should be in sealable plastic bags. It would be helpful if all pupils could have a personal bottle of sanitiser, 60% alcohol content.
<b>Lockers</b>	These will be issued over the first weeks of term.
<b>Catering</b>	Hot and cold food will be provided by our caterers at lunchtime – 12.40pm. Free school meals will be provided as usual. To start with, we will not offer a breaktime food service, so please provide a snack for your child if needed.

<b>Extra-Curricular</b>	We hope to start some after-school activities for discrete year groups after the first 3 weeks of term. No off-site trips will be organised at present, although we will try to enrich lessons with input from visitors when appropriate.
<b>Music Lessons</b>	These will start in the third week of term. Please contact Ben Mulholland with any queries: <a href="mailto:bmulholland@cambournevc.org">bmulholland@cambournevc.org</a>
<b>Travel to School</b>	Building work for the Cambourne West development is likely to cause serious congestion on Sheepfold Lane; a one-way traffic light system will be in place for months from 14 September. <i>PLEASE do not use Swansley Lane as an alternative to drop off/collect your children as this creates a serious hazard for pupils on bikes.</i> Pupils should walk, cycle or scoot to school unless you live outside of Cambourne or your child has a medical problem. Cycle / scooter storage at school will be separated by year group.
<b>Communication with School</b>	
<b>Contact with members of staff</b>	This will be by telephone or Microsoft Teams meeting wherever possible. Please do not visit the school without an appointment; we are severely short of meeting spaces because of the need to socially-distance staff offices, so meetings must be planned in advance. Visitors to the school are required to wear a face-covering and to sanitise hands on arrival.
<b>Parent Consultation events</b>	Parent consultations are an essential part of school provision and will continue in a virtual format while COVID restrictions remain in place. These events will be advertised as usual and sets of remote appointments booked with teachers using the usual online system. The school will be prioritising year groups who were unable to have a consultation during the period of school closure.