

Information for Year 8 students and parents / carers

- It is essential that all students follow social distancing expectations in school as well as on their journey to and from Verulam. This includes being 2 metres away from staff
- Students must wear facemasks in all indoor spaces unless they are medically exempt. Masks may be removed for some practical lessons like PE and the teacher will instruct them to do this
- **Students should bring at least two masks each day in case one is lost or breaks**
- The school day for Year 8 will begin at 8.35 and end at 3.30pm (Tuesday 3.00pm)
- Enter via Brampton Road only and walk down main drive. Bike park by Y8 playground
- Gather in the Y8 playground
- Full Verulam School Uniform to be worn
- On days students have PE / Games – Verulam sports kit should be worn all day. Students should wear their blazer on top of their PE kit
- **If students are taking part in an extra-curricular club, they should bring trainers / kit in a bag**
- Bring only the essential books / stationery and equipment to school each day
- Students must bring their own small bottle of hand sanitising gel
- Should they forget, this is readily available around school
- If using Greenwood Bus, sit in year bubbles with Y7 at the front, followed by Y8 etc. Public transport rules apply so face covering must be worn at all times whilst on the bus.
- Try to avoid public transport and walk / cycle where possible
- If using pupil transport students must wear a face covering
- Once on site – visit you locker located in the canteen. Lockers can only be accessed before school and at the start of lunchtime.

School Day

- Year 8 will be bubbled in classrooms around the Year 8 playground in the same group of rooms
- They have been allocated half of the canteen quad for use at break and lunch.
- Ms Stockman Black (HOY) will have an office in this area of the school
- All Year 8 lessons will take place in these rooms except for subjects which require specialist locations:
 - Art / Computing / Drama / Games / Physical Education / Music / Science / Technology
- **When moving around school – there will be a strict one-way system in operation. To help with the flow of students, they should KEEP RIGHT in corridors. Please see attached map.**
- Students must follow this at all times expect when the fire bell sounds. Here they should vacate the building by the closest exit and walk around the school to their fire assembly point.
- Year 8 students should either bring a healthy packed lunch or purchase lunch from the Pasta Bar
- Year 8 will be allowed to use the canteen at break-time on a Monday and Thursday ONLY. On all other days they should bring a healthy snack with them.
- Students should **not** to mix with other students outside of their year group bubble

If a student feels unwell during the school day, they must see Matron immediately
Students must not attend school if they display any symptoms of Covid-19 or are unwell in any other way. Absence must be reported in the usual way.
Please see the attached school map and Keep Verulam Safe advice which should be read in conjunction with this.