

# Formby High School

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Dear Parents

Yesterday marked the first full day under the new national restrictions which will remain in place until 2 December 2020. Unlike the national lockdown in March, schools will continue to remain open to all students and operate 'as normal' which, I fully agree, is vital for the education and well-being of the young people in our care. As such, very little will change at school and we will, as we have from the outset, continue to monitor and review our risk assessments and safety measures to ensure we do all we can to protect all our students and staff.

As always, the success and impact of these measures depends on the engagement and support of all involved. I would, therefore, ask for your full support in ensuring your child is equipped with an appropriate face mask on a daily basis and is reminded of the need to wash his/her hands frequently and respect social distancing (particularly with adults) at all times. We would also ask that all **students return home immediately and directly after school** to comply with the national restrictions.

## Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

As outlined in [government guidance](#), more evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with pre-existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow shielding advice and parents are advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician, if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable. Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place and will be required to engage fully with Remote Classroom to continue their education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend. The government has confirmed that parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.

## Merseyrail Timetable Amendments

We have been advised that from Monday 9 November services between Liverpool Central and Southport will be operating at a 30-minute frequency on Monday to Sunday. These services will be running as six-car trains where possible to maintain capacity on the Northern line. Services between Southport and Hunts Cross will continue to terminate at Liverpool Central, meaning passengers will not be able to travel directly between the stations and will have to change at Liverpool Central.

Updated timetable information for the Northern line is available [here](#) and below is a snapshot of the Northern line timetables. We understand that a very small number of





students in Years 7, 10 and 11 who travel on the southbound train may arrive a couple of minutes late to school as their train will only arrive at Freshfield Station at 8:51am.

Station	First Trains	Mins past hour	Until	Last Train
Liverpool Central	06:08	38 08	23:08	23:47
Moorfields	06:10	41 11	23:11	23:49
Sandhills	05:59 06:14	45 15	23:15	23:53
Bank Hall	06:02 06:17	47 17	23:17	23:55
Bootle Oriel Road	06:04 06:19	49 19	23:19	23:57
Bootle New Strand	06:06 06:21	51 21	23:21	23:59
Seaforth & Litherland	06:08 06:23	53 23	23:23	00:01
Waterloo	06:10 06:25	55 25	23:25	00:03
Blundellsands & Crosby	06:13 06:28	58 28	23:28	00:06
Hall Road	06:15 06:30	00 30	23:30	00:08
Hightown	06:18 06:33	03 33	23:33	00:11
Formby	06:22 06:37	07 37	23:37	00:15
Freshfield	06:24 06:39	09 39	23:39	00:17
Ainsdale	06:28 06:43	13 43	23:43	00:21
Hillside	06:31 06:46	16 46	23:46	00:24
Birkdale	06:33 06:48	18 48	23:48	00:26
Southport	06:43 06:58	28 58	23:58	00:36

  

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Southport	05:38 06:08	38 08	22:38	23:18
Birkdale	05:42 06:12	42 12	22:42	23:22
Hillside	05:44 06:14	44 14	22:44	23:24
Ainsdale	05:47 06:17	47 17	22:47	23:27
Freshfield	05:51 06:21	51 21	22:51	23:31
Formby	05:53 06:23	53 23	22:53	23:33
Hightown	05:57 06:27	57 27	22:57	23:37
Hall Road	06:04 06:34	04 34	23:04	23:44
Blundellsands & Crosby	06:06 06:36	06 36	23:06	23:46
Waterloo	06:08 06:38	08 38	23:08	23:48
Seaforth & Litherland	06:11 06:41	11 41	23:11	23:51
Bootle New Strand	06:13 06:43	13 43	23:13	23:53
Bootle Oriel Road	06:15 06:45	15 45	23:15	23:55
Bank Hall	06:17 06:47	17 47	23:17	23:57
Sandhills	06:22 06:52	22 52	23:22	00:02
Moorfields	06:25 06:55	25 55	23:25	00:05
Liverpool Central	06:28 06:58	28 58	23:28	00:08

### Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations and Sixth Form Open Evening

Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) for Year 11 will commence week beginning Monday 30 November and will take place in classrooms during lesson time. Whilst it would be preferable for students to gain experience of sitting examinations in the Sports Hall, this will not be possible due to the limited availability of invigilators that would be required to supervise the examinations and the need to reduce large groups of students congregating together for sustained periods of time. The examinations will, nevertheless, provide students with the opportunity to answer GCSE questions under examination conditions. Students will be provided with further information PPEs by their teachers and Mrs Harrison-Forsyth (Year 11 Achievement Leader).

As a result of the current restrictions, Sixth Form Open Evening, which would ordinarily take place during November, has been postponed. The school's 'Sixth Form Virtual Experience' will launch during the first half of Spring term with a new film, digital prospectus, Year 11 Marketplace Afternoon and a live presentation session on Microsoft Teams. Full details will be circulated later this term.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Due to the latest national lockdown restrictions, all extra-curricular activities will very reluctantly have to be suspended for the time being. It may be possible for some to recommence before the end of this term or if the guidance changes but we will be advised by Department for Education on the matter. Where parents have paid for extra-curricular activities the remaining sessions will take place once restrictions ease.

### Morning Break

From Monday 9 November morning break will be extended by five minutes to give students and staff a little more time to freshen up and refuel. The time will be reclaimed during Period 4 / lunch break and students will be advised of the change on Monday morning.

### Remote Classroom

Inevitably, there will situations where some students are unable to attend school due to Covid-19. I would like to remind you that the [Remote Classroom \(accessed via the school website\)](#) is the first point of contact for home learning during Covid-19 related absences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for their invaluable support in helping us ensure that, as a community, we can play our part in minimising the impact of the Coronavirus in our local area. The sooner we come together as a community to do so, hopefully the sooner we will all be able to return to a better sense of normality.

Yours sincerely

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