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ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE
ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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The Thomas Adams School Year 10 Wider School Opening Information

This guidance outlines the plans, social distancing measures and adapted rules and expectations that are being put into place for the wider opening of Thomas Adams School for Year 10 pupils. Hopefully, it will answer the frequently asked questions from the online survey. However, should you have any further queries, please contact enquiries@thomasadams.net or call 01939 237000.

If you have informed the school that your child is to return, you will receive a text message to confirm the date your child must attend. The date will be **one** of the following: Wednesday 24th June, Thursday 25th June 2020 or Wednesday 1st July.

Plans for further days in school will be communicated to parents/carers following a full review of these trial days. It will also depend on guidance received from the government. **It is unlikely that pupils will be in school for more than 3 days** before we break up for summer on Friday 17th July.

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED:

If you **do not receive a text message but you would like your child to attend**, you must email enquiries@thomasadams.net **immediately**, or call 01939 237000.

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If you responded to the survey saying you need transport, then the bus company will contact you in due course. **If you have not done this but require transport**, you must email enquiries@thomasadams.net **immediately**, or call 01939 237000. **Any requests made after Friday 19th June at 1pm cannot be guaranteed a place on a bus.**

PLAN FOR EACH DAY:

- Pupils arrive on site at **8:45am to begin at 9am**.
- Pupils will leave site at **1pm**. **This time has been amended** from the original communication, to allow for a careful social distancing dismissal.
- **No break or lunchtime food or drink** will be available. Pupils must **bring a snack and a drink** in their own bottle. There will not be access to the water fountains.
- Pupils travelling to and from school **by bus will not be required to wear a mask**, unless they choose to do so.
- Pupils on buses must **adhere to the social distancing rules** set out by the driver to avoid being stopped from using the bus.
- Pupils arriving by **bus will be met by a member of senior staff and directed** to a group meeting point that will be socially distanced. At the end of the day, **pupils will be taken to the buses by senior staff** to ensure social distancing is observed.
- Parents/Carers bringing their child by **car must drive down the bus lane**, adhering to the one-way system, and their child will be met by a senior member of staff and guided to the correct meeting point.



- When **collecting a pupil at the end of the day by car**, parents will need to drive down the one-way system on the bus lane and pupils will be directed to cars accordingly, to ensure social distancing is observed at all times.
- Pupils arriving **on foot must have observed social distancing rules** on their walk to school and they will be greeted by senior staff and directed to the correct meeting point. At the end of the day, **pupils will be taken to the school gates by senior staff** to ensure social distancing is observed.
- Groups will be allocated a classroom that has been prepared with desks 2 metres apart and paper will be provided.
- Pupils will **need to bring their own pens**, but not a bag.
- Pupils must be in **full uniform**.
- It is **not compulsory for pupils to wear a mask**, but if they wish to they can.
- The **usual school policy on mobile phones** will apply. They must be switched off and out of sight at all times.
- There will be **hand sanitiser and wipes** available at all times. **Dustbins with lids and tissues** will also be widely available and there will be **cleaning teams on site** working throughout the day.
- **Clear signage** will be positioned around the school to reinforce key rules and direction of travel around the buildings.
- Children will be grouped in **bubbles of no more than 8 pupils**.
- Each bubble will be allocated **different times for breaks**.
- In the first instance, pupils will have access to **core subject** teachers (English, Maths and Science). They will be assessing progress, providing guidance on areas to focus on and delivering new content wherever possible.
- There will also be a **wellbeing** aspect to the day.
- Pupils will remain in bubbles all day and when they return to school they will re-join the same bubble.
- Parents/Carers will be required **to collect their child immediately** if the start **showing signs of Coronavirus**. The child will be **put into isolation immediately** to reduce the risk of infection to others.
- Parents/Carers will be required **to collect their child immediately** if they **refuse to follow the strict social distancing rules** in place. (A Fixed Term Exclusion will be issued.)
- Parents/Carers will be required **to collect their child immediately** if their **behaviour is unacceptable or poses a health and safety risk** to others. (A fixed Term Exclusion will be issued.)

RISK ASSESSMENT:

For further guidance, a full risk assessment has been created. This outlines all of the social distancing and safety measures that have been put in place. It can be found on the school website here:

<https://thomasadams.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Risk-Assessment-Covid-19-Re-opening-Phase-1-Thomas-Adams-v4.pdf>

BEHAVIOUR POLICY ADDENDUM:

For further guidance on behaviour expectations, please refer to the Behaviour Policy Addendum that has been written. It can be found on the school website here:

<https://thomasadams.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Behaviour-Policy-Addendum-June-2020.pdf>

ONLINE LEARNING:

Online learning on the Microsoft TEAMS platform will continue in its current form. However, there may be a slight delay in teacher response if the teacher is working in school on a particular day.

Please ensure your child continues to **complete the work for their optional subjects on TEAMS** as 'face-to-face' contact with these teachers is unlikely to happen before September at the earliest.

Teachers will inform their pupils of the online learning expectations via TEAMS.



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