

3) How can we make the best of this difficult time?

We cannot avoid the fact that the offer we are providing at this time is not the same as during 'normal times'.

However, to make the best of it we need our young people to all try to do the following:

- Attend school at the times provided.
- Set time aside each day for their home learning – approx. 2 hours broken down into 2 x 1 hours is recommended.
- Come to school ready for a school day – by this we mean, being on time and in your uniform.
- Communicate to staff any concerns or problems.
- Show respect for others by sticking to the 2 metre rule at all times.
- Show respect for others by staying within your microbubble.



Highfields during Spring Lockdown 2021

'Microbubbles'

1) What will Highfields be offering during lockdown?

- Every young person at Highfields will have a home learning pack sent out each Friday, for the week ahead.
- From Monday to Thursday, every young person will be offered a daily face-to-face double lesson (1.5 hours) with their Form Tutor – they will provide support and additional teaching around the activities within the home learning pack. The time will be provided in a separate letter and as a reminder for the student to keep.
- The Form Tutor will also, once we have the new system fully set-up, look to provide other learning sessions that the young person should find both enjoyable and educational.
- Young people undertaking any counselling or specialist mentor will also continue to access it.
- Young people with a parent/carer who is a critical worker will be given additional time on request – this includes Fridays.
- Young people who are particularly vulnerable away from school will be given additional time on request – this includes Fridays.
- Young people who cannot come to Highfields will be provided with a personalised timetable of online lessons.
- Every young person attending will be provided with food. Food parcels will also be provided for Fridays.

2) How will Highfields do this safely?

- A key strategy to prevent the spread of infection is to create 'bubbles' of students and staff. Each bubble is kept completely separate from another.
- From September to December 2020, Highfields functioned as one bubble with as much separation as possible between KS4 and KS3.



- Now that the government are advising there is a greater risk of infection, we have completely re-organised the school day to create 'microbubbles'.



- These microbubbles involve a maximum of 2 staff (1 teacher, 1 support staff) and 6 students.
- Students will come to school at a set time each day and work in pairs with their assigned teacher – with the support staff member on hand for other issues.
- By working in pairs, we can maintain 2 metre social distancing in corridors and classrooms.
- In addition, PPE is available to all users of the building. There is also cleaning between each session and a full clean at the end of the day.