

Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls

**Students' guide to
returning to school in
September 2020**



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We are really looking forward to having our students back in school. However, to do this we need to make sure everyone is as safe as possible. So before you come to school please follow the Covid guidelines outlined below.

Student health and wellbeing are a paramount concern for us. Please be assured that all health and safety regulations have been applied to ensure, as far as possible, that we all remain safe and well during these unprecedented times.

If you have any concerns of any nature please do not hesitate to bring these to the attention of your form tutor, head of year or any other member of staff. We will do everything we can to support you and sort out any problems you have Insha'Allah.

We know that many of you will be worried about coming back to school after such a long time, and might be anxious that you have fallen behind in your studies. Please don't worry; as long as you are prepared to work hard next year, everything will be ok, and we will be here to support you. You will be pleased to know that there will be no formal exams at the start of term!

In order to protect your health and that of others, please do not attend school if you have any of the typical Covid 19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – 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)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You can get a test if you do have any of these symptoms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Some differences you will notice:

- The school will be divided into two bubbles KS3 (Years 7,8 and 9) and KS4 (Years 10 and 11)
- The two bubbles will be kept separate throughout the day with different entrances, different toilets, and separate break, lunch and prayer times
- However, you do not have to keep the 2m distance from fellow bubble students, but you will need to keep 2m distance from staff and students in the other bubble.
- For the first term at least there will be no tuck shops or lunch service available.
- You need to bring in everything you require for the day as there can be no sharing; you will not be able to borrow anything from teachers or other students.

This means:

- School equipment, including pens, pencils, books, text books, whiteboards, calculators, etc.
- Prayer mats and Quran
- Water, lunch and snacks for break.
- Reading books
- At the end of the day you must take everything you have brought to school back home. (Lockers will not be issued or allowed to be used during this time, because this would lead to a lot of crowding and mixing of bubbles on the corridor). Anything left in school will be disposed at the end of each day)

You will enter and exit the school at different entrances depending on your key stage bubble:

- KS3 via the side grey gate in the school car park
- KS4 via the Stockton Road entrance
- Siblings from different bubbles (i.e from year 7 and year 10 or similar), should enter via the appropriate entrance for their bubble, and not via the same entrance)

From 8.30-8.45 you will be met by a member of staff, and directed to use the hand sanitiser which will be on the wall as you go in. You may then go to your relevant toilets to wash hands if needed, then straight to your form room.

Year	Form and Room	Form and Room
7	Firdous 13	Taqwa 14
8	Rayaan PC1	Zamzam PC2
9	Barakah 25	Hassanah 26
10	Jenan 28	Salsabeel 29
11	Afnan 30	Ihsan 31

We are trying hard to stop movement around school and mixing between the bubbles, so you will be taught in your form rooms throughout the day, but will go to other rooms when necessary as follows:

- R32 for art
- R8 for computer science
- If the class is split for Quran, Arabic, Urdu and French
- If the year is in three groups, e.g. for English, maths, science and GCSE option subjects. (You will be directed by the teacher where to go.)

To minimise the risk of infection:

- In your form room, you will be asked to stay in the same seat.
- Form rooms will be cleaned at break and lunch times; the other rooms will be cleaned as groups are changed.

- You may be given an anti-bacterial wipe on entering the room so you can ensure your work area is clean.
- Please ensure you go to the bathrooms at break and lunch times as they will be cleaned during lessons and you will not be allowed to leave the classroom unless you have a medical condition.

Uniform:

Normal rules for uniform apply, except on the days you have PE. The changing rooms will not be in use because they could become too crowded to keep at a safe distance from others, so on the days you have PE you will be expected to come to school in your PE kit covered by a plain black jilbab (no patterns or embroidery of any kind). You should wear your normal school uniform on all other days.

To prevent the spread of Covid

- Please bring a pack of tissues and a small bottle of hand sanitiser for your personal use and convenience every day.
- Most homework will be set and marked on Google Classroom.
- Books handed in for marking will have to be left untouched for 3 days before being marked and then left for another 3 days before being given back to you.
- If you sneeze or cough, it should be into a tissue; immediately put the tissue into the pedal bin that is provided in each classroom and nowhere else.
- You will be expected to perform wudu at lunchtime, and do so whilst maintaining social distance at all times.
- You must bring your own prayer mat/travel prayer mat to school for Salah every day, as well as your own personal Quran for daily reading.
- You also need to bring your own reading book as the library will be closed for the first term, and there will be allocated reading sessions during the week.

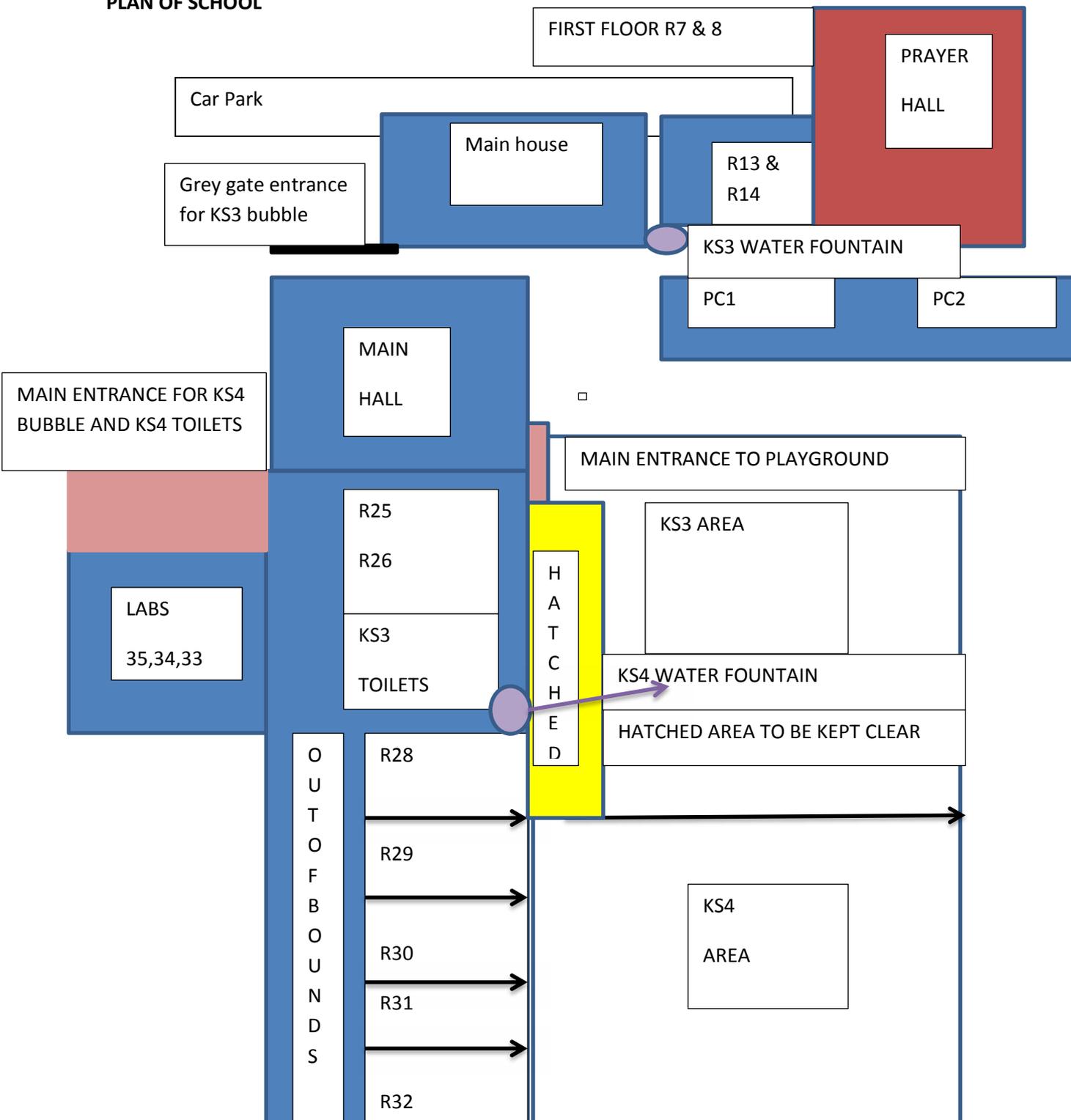
At the end of the day when you leave school, please do not wait for others but go directly to your parent's car or immediately make your way home.

Parents will be asked to kindly remain in their car and not come to school entrances or enter the school car park.

Please see school plan on next page, which shows where your designated areas are and which areas are out of bounds.

We are looking forward to seeing you in September and will make this process smooth for you inshaAllah 😊

PLAN OF SCHOOL



In the playground, please do not stay in the hatched area but leave it clear to ensure separation of bubbles. KS4 must not enter the ks3 toilets at any time. KS3 must not use the ks4 toilets