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SAFE AT SEDBERGH





WELCOME FROM SEDBERGH SCHOOL

We very much look forward to opening up our campus again soon and for pupils and staff to join together as a community. The purpose of this updated document is to provide reassurance of our safety measures and to set out our guiding principles when preparing to welcome everyone back to school.

As we prepare to open the doors to the Sedbergh School community in September, we wish to reassure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff and the wider Sedbergh community is at the forefront of our actions and our planning. Sedbergh is able to operate and adapt to the necessary guidelines which will be present from September and is flexible to change these throughout the term as necessary. The 'Sedbergh Alert' system sets out the ways in which school will operate dependent on the level of risk at that time. Regular reviews will be undertaken to ensure the current alert level is appropriate to the changing world around us as we continue to deliver a holistic education.

Most importantly however, we wish to reassure you that Sedbergh School is a safe and welcoming campus where the wellbeing of our entire community is of critical importance. It is to remain a community built on family values where diversity is celebrated. There will undoubtedly be new, occasionally unwelcome, safety measures in place but we will not let that detract from our desire to see all of our community flourish and to rekindle the Sedberghian flame. We also extend our safety measures to recognise our position within the town of Sedbergh and will continue to work with the local community to ensure we are acting in the best interests of everyone.

We very much look forward to seeing our campus come alive again soon. First and foremost, this is a school which our pupils are proud of and we hope that their Sedbergh education – in the widest sense – will continue back here in the foothills of the Howgills shortly.

Andrew Fleck
Principal

Dan Harrison
Headmaster

SAFETY PRINCIPLES

RED	The school is in session but strict restrictions are in place with regard to visitors, activities, off-site visits and access to the amenities in Sedbergh town. Large indoor school gatherings are not permitted.
AMBER	The school is in session but with some restrictions with regard to visitors, activities and off-site visits. Access to the amenities of Sedbergh town will be managed. Large indoor school gatherings will be limited.
GREEN	The school is in session operating a normal programme of events with full and varied activities. Indoor school gatherings are permitted. Extra hygiene and cleaning measures will be in place but should not alter the ability to participate in a varied school life.

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Academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons take place in classrooms. Social distancing and hygiene measures are in place according to latest government guidelines. Academic Societies take place online where attendance is likely to exceed maximum class size. No off-site school trips. Teachers to remain 2m away from pupils. Pupils must face forwards in classrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons take place in classrooms. Social distancing and hygiene measures are in place according to latest guidelines. Academic societies able to take place in person. Visitors and lecturers able to attend school to deliver workshops etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons take place in classrooms and normal classroom layouts and collaborative work is able to operate.
Boarding Houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor House prayers and meetings are conducted in smaller groups with face coverings worn. Dining rooms operate on a 1-in-1-out rotation with designated seats up to the maximum permitted capacity for the room. Strict hygiene measures are in place regarding cleaning and handwashing. No visitors are permitted in the house. Kitchens and Common rooms are closed, or careful use managed by staff. Pupils are not permitted to visit other bedrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House meetings and prayers can increase in number in accordance with floor space in communal areas. Dining rooms continue to offer staggered, buffet style meals and continue to operate a 1-in-1-out system but with more seating. Visits are possible between houses at designated times. Kitchens and Common rooms are open but with maximum permitted capacities based on space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full house meetings and prayers can take place. Dining rooms can offer family style eating. Pupils are allowed to visit other bedrooms. Pupils are able to visit other houses. External visitors are allowed in the house (in accordance with normal school policy).
Sports and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No internal or external fixtures. Training and activities continue with strict social distancing measures and with latest sporting government advice and regulations followed. No off-site activities are permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal fixtures are permitted. Closer contact sports are permitted. Off-site activities of just Sedbergh pupils are permitted (eg. Sailing). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full calendar of external fixtures is permitted. Pupils can engage in all sports and activities in accordance with government guidelines. External activities are all permitted.
Social/School Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No assemblies or chapel services to take place. Social events limited to house activities and outdoor activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemblies can happen on a smaller scale where the capacity of a room allows for appropriate social distancing. Social activities are internal and in accordance with venue size. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A normal programme of assemblies and chapel services can resume. A full social programme allowing interaction of all pupils both on and off site can take place.
Temperature Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carried out once a day in boarding houses by the Assistant Housemistress/Housemaster. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No regular temperature testing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No regular temperature testing.
Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings enforced indoors only where social distancing measures are not possible. Face coverings not needed in personal bedroom space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings permitted but not enforced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings permitted but not enforced.
Pupil Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils to walk in single file on left hand side of paths (outdoors). Classes to wait outside buildings until called in by a member of staff. Academic buildings to have one-way systems enforced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils to walk in single file on left hand side of paths (outdoors). Classes are able to line up outside classrooms inside or outside until called in. One-way systems in buildings to be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal movement around the school campus is permitted.
Sedbergh Town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No access to Sedbergh town amenities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled/managed access to Sedbergh town to limit numbers of pupils at any one time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free access to Sedbergh town in accordance with usual school rules.



PASTORAL CARE & BOARDING

Boarding houses are the centre of our pastoral care and we will work hard to ensure they are clean, safe spaces where the sense of community is still felt. There will be an initial period of changes to schedules as our pupils adjust to a more fluid timetable; mealtimes and roll calls will be staggered to allow greater physical distancing. Bedrooms, bathrooms, common rooms and social spaces will be allocated to smaller sub-sets of the community and pupils will be educated as to the reasons why. Time spent with the key staff in the house will be done on a much more intimate, smaller scale and pupils will be encouraged to use these opportunities to talk about their experiences and air their concerns. There will still be house spirit, house camaraderie and a sense of belonging but this will be worked around sensible, strategic physical distancing within the very different houses.

Houses have thorough cleaning programmes in place and pupils will be required to keep their personal spaces tidy and free of unnecessary clutter; our outstanding pastoral staff will ensure that this does not allow houses to feel sterile or unwelcoming. We will continue to make use of the excellent outside space for socialising, activities and occasional mealtimes.



MEDICAL PROVISION

Sedbergh is blessed with exceptional medical provision here on site and this will continue to keep us fully informed of changing practices and expectations as well as providing 24 hour cover. Our outstanding School Doctor supported by our team of school nurses have been instrumental in guiding us to the best possible practice regarding the care and wellbeing of pupils in the midst of a global pandemic. All pupils will have their temperatures taken in accordance with our 'alert level' and up to twice a day. Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, no matter how small will be immediately isolated pending test results. In addition, sub-sets of the community relating to that individual will also be isolated and tested. We are able to carry out these tests in school and aim to have results back as quickly as possible to avoid unnecessary disruption to education and the community. Staff will regularly complete declarations of health.

Should a pupil become unwell, our usual protocols of swift response and escalation where necessary will be enacted. We are fortunate to be supported by a state-of-the-art health centre and further local facilities should the need arise.

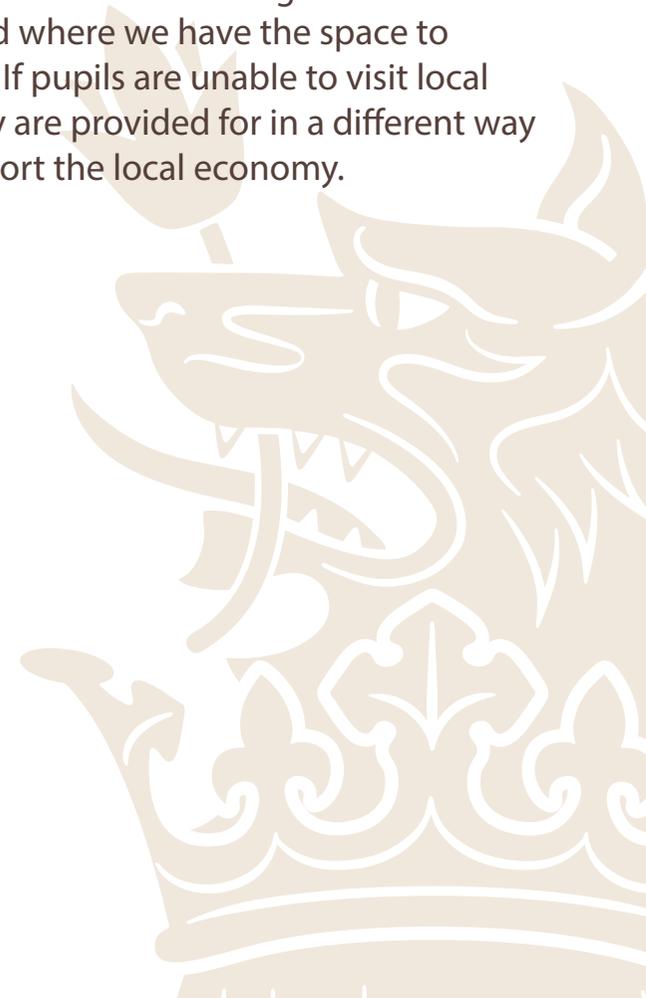




SCHOOL SITE

Sedbergh School is an open campus nestled within the community. To mitigate risk of transmission, there is work underway to secure the campus with some new curtilage and plans regarding footpaths, corridors and dedicated channels of movement around the campus.

We will monitor deliveries and visitors to the school and will ensure they all comply with the latest government guidance. Sedbergh is so fortunate in its location and design to be built around the outdoors and where we have the space to create such mitigating plans. If pupils are unable to visit local amenities, we will ensure they are provided for in a different way whilst still continuing to support the local economy.



LEARNING

Sedbergh will continue to teach and we are fortunate to have large classroom spaces and small class sizes. All necessary precautions will be taken to ensure pupils sit apart, are facing in the same direction and do not share materials. Physical distancing within classrooms does not stop pupils from working collaboratively and does not jeopardise the quality of teaching. Technology and internet access allows us to continue some of the very best elements of remote learning and bring those into the physical classroom. In addition to our normal timetable, there will be new elements in the PSHE syllabus to discuss the current situation from geographical, scientific and political standpoints as well as the critical emotional responses; staff will be fully trained to deliver this.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

The personal hygiene of all pupils, staff and visitors will continue to be of critical importance. Handwashing will become a formal part of routine and outdoor hand washing stations have already been constructed. Pupils will be continually reminded to wash their hands before and after meals, and when entering all buildings.





RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Due to uncertainty regarding quarantine arrangements and availability of flights, school will be open and ready to accommodate pupils from August 15th. This particular facility will be created to ensure the highest levels of supervision, appropriate activity, pastoral care within a suitably 'quarantined' regime. Pupils will be able to spend time getting to know school and their peers whilst having their health monitored. During this time, pupils will be able to prepare for the term ahead as well as enjoy the myriad activities available out in the fresh air. Sedbergh School staff, supported by the medical team, will supervise this facility which we trust will be a fun and enjoyable experience before the start of term in September.

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