

Brebner High School

COVID-19 Reopening of Schools: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where must I report when I come back?

Gr 12s report to main gate, you will be directed from there by the staff.

2. How long will the school day be?

For Gr 12 from 08:00 to 16:00 Monday to Thursday and 08:00 to 14:00 on Fridays. We will confirm times for other grades later.

3. How big will classes be?

We will try to keep classes at 20 learners, but regulations allow for a maximum of 30 learners per class.

4. What happens when someone is sick?

If a learner feels sick they must not come to school, and get medical advice. We will try send work to them if possible.

5. Can I buy food at school? What time?

Yes, during break. The school will prepare more basic food to sell. To bring your own food or not depends on learner's preference of type of food. No entrepreneur selling will be allowed until pandemic is over.

6. Do I have to wear uniform every day?

Yes but if it is very, very cold we allow warm jackets.

7. Will we change classes or will teachers rotate?

Learners change classes because of subject choice combinations.

8. Will Consumers learners have practicals?

Yes, but fewer than in a normal school year.

9. How will the buses work?

We will have a bus service, but with changed routes. Gr 12s, please see your WhatsApp groups for adjusted routes. Other grades will be informed later.

10. How will the hostel work?

As normal, but with much stricter health rules.

11. Where do we go during break?

To normal breaktime areas, but with strict social distancing enforced.

12. If kids are joking around with/about Covid, what will happen to them?

The first time they will be given a warning. If they make themselves guilty of the same conduct again they will be sent home for a few days to protect other learners.

13. How safe will learners and teachers be?

The school has put many measures in place. Please see our protocol on the school's website. Safety is our main priority.

14. What will happen with learners who missed term 1 exams?

They will be given an absent record, but this will not affect their SBA mark at end of year.

15. Can Brebner migrate to google classroom for grades not going to school yet?

Not yet, but we will make it a priority for future planning.

16. Up until when can subject changes still take place?

Gr12s can no longer change, Gr 10 and Gr 11 may still change when they come back.

17. What will happen if learners do not return for rest of school year, but want to return next year?

They will have to reapply in 2021.

18. If learners are unable to get their hair cut, due to Lockdown restrictions, what will the school's stance be on less than neat hairstyles?

The school will be reasonable until lockdown restrictions on that sector are lifted.

19. Change of uniform daily could be a problem for those who don't have sufficient amounts to change on a daily basis, seeing as they will arrive home late and winter washing doesn't dry quickly, especially jerseys and jackets. What will be the school's stance?

The school understands and as always will find a reasonable solution.

20. What is the procedure if a learner feels sick?

Learners who get sick at school will be isolated and have to be fetched and taken for medical advice.

21. What is the procedure for applications for 2021?

Applications of new learners will be handled the same as all other years. Get the application form from our website, complete and attach documents and return it to the school. At this stage applications will close on 15 August.

22. Must learners wear a specific type of mask to school?

While the wearing of masks at school is compulsory, the choice of mask is entirely up to each individual. The school will not prescribe specific masks, as long as the mask worn by every learner is fit for its purpose.