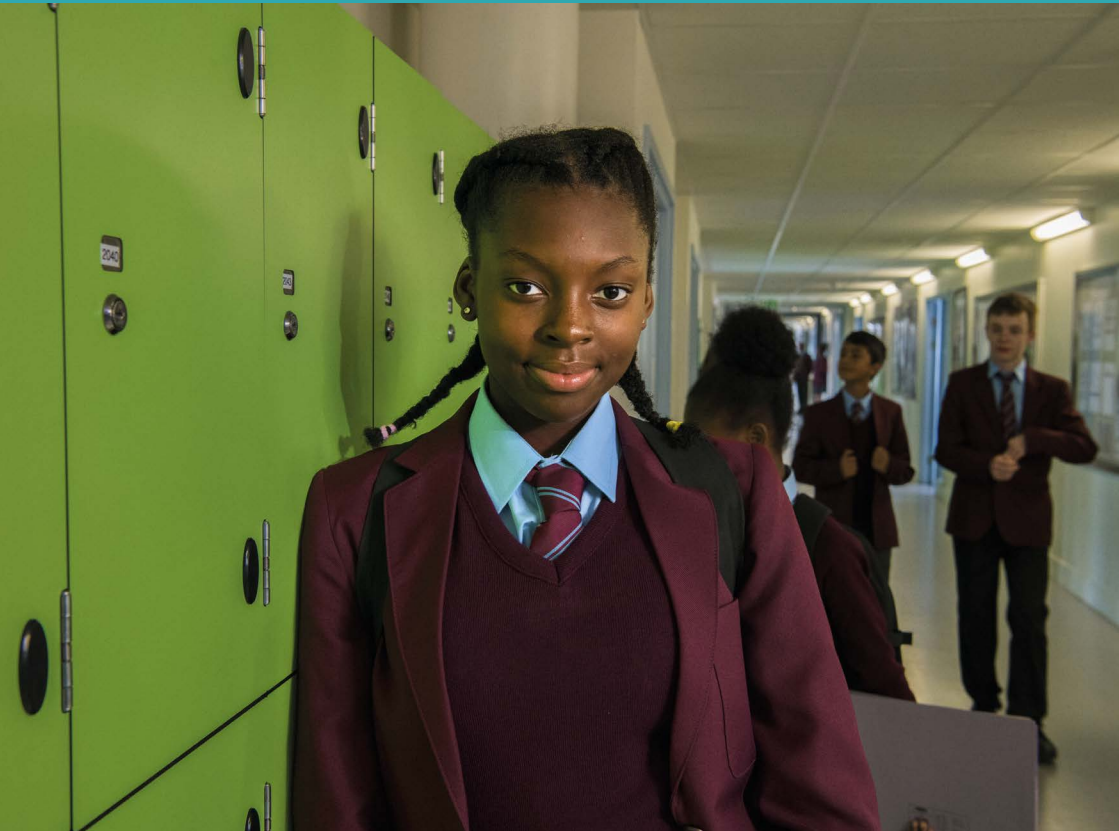




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**If your child is eligible to
attend school, they should
return this term**



From 15 June, secondary schools in England started to offer year 10 and year 12 students face-to-face support. Full-time provision continues to be available to priority groups (vulnerable children and the children of critical workers).

We're doing everything we can to keep your children safe and happy at school, and it's important that they return to school if they can.

Why should I send my child back to school?

It's the best place for them to learn and get their studies back on track as they prepare for exams next year. It's also great for their overall wellbeing and they get to see their friends and teachers too.

Is it safe for my child to return to school?

Public Health England is clear that the risk is low if schools restrict class sizes, apply regular handwashing and cleaning measures, and follow government guidance. We also know that if they do catch the virus, illness is less severe in young people.

Do young people transmit coronavirus more than adults?

No. Young people are no more likely to transmit the virus than adults.

Will my child in secondary school be expected to social distance?

We are encouraging older pupils to maintain social distancing in line with government guidance, where possible. To reduce risk, we are advising schools to create smaller class sizes, minimise mixing where possible, introduce regular handwashing and cleaning measures, and ensure that anyone with symptoms does not attend school.

Do both parents need to be critical workers to get a place at school before summer holidays?

No. If one parent is a critical worker then your child is entitled to a full-time place at secondary school, no matter what year they are in. Contact your school to arrange a place.

When will all children be able to return to school?

The Government is committed to getting all pupils back to school in September.