

WHITGIFT

CO-CURRICULAR ROAD MAP

PHASE

GENERAL GUIDANCE

Phase 1 28 September 2020

- > Safety first [follow Government and Governing Body Guidance for specific areas]
- > **Before school and after school activities only [except in Year 6 and 7 who will utilise lunchtimes]**
- > Activities to occur in year groups only
- > Focusing on opening our core activities within Co-Curricular field, specifically in Sport and Music
- > Spread evenly across year groups, to ensure participation is our primary focus
- > This phase will be limited by guidance, but also logistics and facilities

Phase 2 TBC

- > Safety first [follow Government and Governing Body Guidance for specific areas]
- > **Lunchtimes to be used, enabling the introduction of further activities**
- > Delivering a more substantial Co-Curricular programme but maintaining the Year Group Zonal system
- > This will be limited by guidance, but also logistics and facilities

Phase 3 TBC

- > Safety first [follow Government and Governing Body Guidance]
- > **Small and consistent bubbles allowed across year groups**
- > Co-Curricular programme moving towards full capacity, across all year groups
- > Following guidance, restricted by logistics but clear change in Government and Governing Body Guidance means greater flexibility

Phase 4 TBC

- > A complete Co-Curricular programme is operating across all year groups
- > All calendared events occur in their venues, with audiences
- > This phase is perhaps post Vaccine

Why have some sports already started?

It has been wonderful to see so many boys enjoying our Saturday sports programme, and I would like to thank all the staff who have been so committed during this busy start of the year. We have also managed to arrange the “pre-release” of certain sports before the launch of Phase 1. These are primarily activities who have traditionally utilised the time before school [swimming and basketball]. From a logistical perspective these provide a natural break for the facilities to be cleaned in preparation for the school day. Our unique golf programme which sees every new boy receive 6 golf lessons from our resident Golf Professional, Tim Trodd, has also started, and I am pleased that our Physio Programme has also come back online. Please email k.cadogan@whitgift.co.uk for further details. Next week our Year 6 and 7 pupils will also see their extended lunchtime used to introduce further activities.

What will be involved from September 28th in Phase 1?

We are looking to bring back online our core sports: football, hockey, rugby and cricket, in line with their individual Governing Body Guidance. Together, these sports impact a large number of boys and are played in the fresh air, which means they minimise the risk of transmission. In the music world we have been working hard to set up safe practice zones, and we are aiming to bring back our music lessons, which will see more than 400 boys enjoying music making again [many have already started]. Our new Director of Music, Mr Alby Elsom is also working on Year Group ensembles and we hope some wonderful new initiatives will be available soon.

When will Phase 2 come online?

The main difference between Phase 1 and Phase 2 is the use of lunchtimes. To accommodate Government Guidance, we have had to use several large venues for lunchtimes and this has consequently increased the logistics behind this busy period. We are continuing to ensure that lunch can be delivered safely and securely. Our current plan is to introduce Phase 2 after half term to coincide with the clocks changing. However, the national picture will ultimately determine this timescale.

How can my son access these activities and will my son need to use the Schools Online Co-Curricular Programme [SOCS]?

Many of you, and hopefully almost all the boys will be familiar with the system we use to monitor and operate our co-curricular programme – SOCS. Due to track and trace requirements this software will be the cornerstone of our programme this year. We will be recording a webinar next week which will outline how pupils and parents can utilise this powerful tool.

What about fixtures and Co-Curricular events?

These provide an added layer of complexity for schools as I am sure you can imagine, and what is feasible outside of Whitgift is simply not always possible on the school site. We are currently looking at sports fixtures and what is possible in the current climate. Our hope is to be in a position to bring some fixtures online after Half Term, but this will be reviewed closer to the date. In terms of events, we are reviewing these individually and will update everyone as soon as we are able to make resilient decisions.

Any more questions?

We hope to give you an opportunity to listen to our key staff speak and enable you to ask any important questions:

- > **Webinar One:** Co-Curricular Road Map – Mr Osborne our Assistant Head [Admissions and Co-Curricular], Stuart Litchfield [Director of Sport], Alby Elsom [Director of Music], James Hammond [Director of Drama] will present on their areas, talking about the opportunities available and how our approach will work.
- > **Webinar Two:** How to make the most of the Schools Online Co-Curricular Programme – SOCS, presented by Mr Alistair Osborne

If you have any further specific questions following our webinar, please contact:

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Thank you for your support

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