



Curriculum Entitlement and Disapplication Process (including return to school post-Covid 19 lockdown)

At Hilbre, part of our vision for the curriculum is 'Ensuring all of our students have a curriculum entitlement that is broad and balanced; the curriculum is appropriate for all learners and it is not narrowed'.

We want all students to follow a pathway that allows them to achieve, enables them to progress and the outcomes enhance their life choices. We feel that most students should have a curriculum entitlement that allow students to follow courses in Maths, English, Science, Humanities, Technology, Performing Arts, Art, IT, Modern Languages and PSHE.

We are ambitious for all of our students to be able to access their full curriculum entitlement. In our school SEND provisions, we have designed the curriculum to not only support their academic pathway, but to ensure they are able to access skills for life to support them into adulthood.

We recognise that the school has the right to respond to individual needs by modifying the curriculum offer to allow a student making significantly less progress than other students of his/her age to consolidate his/her learning and progress across the curriculum.

For any student to be withdrawn from a subject, either in the short term or long term, we have to balance the request with what we can offer in school in the timetabled slots, and if access to the subject will then be possible at a later date and the impact this will have on the student's future pathways.

SEND students who need a modified timetable will be identified by the SEND team. After discussion with their parents/carers, they will then put in an application to the Deputy Headteacher: Curriculum and Standards for the student to be withdrawn from that subject. Parents/carers may be invited to discuss this further before a decision is made. Disapplication from a subject is at the school's discretion.

Students and parents/carers of students without an additional need, who wish to be considered to be disappplied from a subject, must email schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk outlining their request/s. Requests from other staff for students to be withdrawn from a subject should put in an application to the Deputy Headteacher: Curriculum and Standards. Parents/carers and students will be consulted. Most applications that are considered are declined, as we can usually find alternatives to withdrawing students from subjects to support them.

Procedure for students who wish to be withdrawn from a subject due to the Covid 19 lockdown:

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will not be permitted to be withdrawn from any subject due to the lockdown. School recognises that there may be other issues that have arisen during that time, which may result in students requesting to be withdrawn from a subject.

Year 10 students still have two years to complete their GCSE and vocational courses. These are designed as two-year courses, so there is plenty of time to complete these programmes of study. Students who want to change courses should email schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk outlining their request/s. The request will only be

granted after discussion with the relevant Progress Leaders and taking into consideration class size.

Year 11 students have also experienced a three-year Key Stage 4. Teachers have been planning to ensure that when students return to school, they will be able to complete their courses. Requests for disapplication need to be submitted by email to the schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk outlining their request/s. Requests from other staff for students to be withdrawn from a subject should put in an application to the Deputy Headteacher: Curriculum and Standards. Parents/carers and students will be consulted before any decision is made.

Sixth Form students should put forward their request to the Assistant Headteacher: Post-16, who will follow the same procedure. It should be recognised there is much more flexibility in what we can offer Post-16 and parents/carers and students should always contact school if they have any requests to be withdrawn from a course. If students who were in Year 13 last academic year wish to repeat the year, the DfE have agreed to fully fund this; any requests should be directed to sixthform@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk.