

25/08/20

Dear parent / Guardian,

I hope that you have had the opportunity to relax during the summer holidays and that your child is ready to return to Bryn Tawe in September. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to Bryn Tawe in September. Naturally, there will be different arrangements to normal school life to try to prevent the spread of the virus. We ask you to pay careful attention to these new arrangements before your child returns. Welsh Government guidance is available [here](#) if you wish to read it. I hope to be able to answer a number of your questions in the information shared below and also in the document 'Covid Arrangements - Information for parents' on our website.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AGREEMENT:

We expect all our pupils to return in September, on the correct date, unless a medical reason indicates the contrary. **All parents, who have not done so**, when your child returned at the end of last term, **must complete our 'Health and Safety Agreement' (click [here](#))**. Your child will not be able to attend in September if the agreement has not been completed for them. It needs to be done for each pupil individually, not one as a family.

TERM START ARRANGEMENTS:

The return procedure for each year during the first two weeks of September are outlined below and all pupils are expected to attend school from Wednesday 9th:

DATE	OPEN FOR:	CLOSED FOR:
Tuesday 01/09/20	NO PUPILS: Planning and preparation day for staff	All pupils
Wednesday 02/09/20	NO PUPILS: Planning and preparation day for staff	All pupils
Thursday 03/09/20	Year 7, 12 and 13 pupils only	Closed for pupils in years 8, 9, 10 and 11
Friday 04/09/20	Year 7, 12 and 13 pupils only	Closed for pupils in years 8, 9, 10 and 11
Monday 07/09/20	Year 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 pupils only	Closed for pupils in years 8 and 9
Tuesday 08/09/20	Year 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 pupils only	Closed for pupils in years 8 and 9
Wednesday 09/09/20	All pupils from all year groups to attend – 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 a 13eg	

HEALTH ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL PUPILS:

- Learners should not attend school under any circumstances if they:
 - feel unwell with any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (persistent cough; high temperature; loss of taste; loss of smell)
 - have tested positive for COVID-19
 - live in a household with someone who has symptoms, or who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- In accordance with the above:
 - Pupils should stay at home to self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test;
 - Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from the time their symptoms began and pending the outcome of a test.
 - Anyone in your home who does not have symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days from the time the first person in your home started to show symptoms.

We will continue to act on the health advice we receive from Welsh Government and the LA, which is to ensure that pupils:

- Wash their hands thoroughly or use the provided hand sanitisers more frequently than usual.
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.



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- Sanitise their working areas by cleaning surfaces that are frequently touched on a regular basis.
- Reduce contact between individuals and maintain social distances where possible.

LEARNING GROUPS:

We will run a full timetable for all pupils. In years 7-9, pupils receive lessons in their registration class each day. In order to provide valuable learning experiences for GCSE and A-level pupils, targeted at the ability of all pupils, by subject specialists for these examination groups, pupils will receive lessons with pupils from the same year. It is therefore essential that our pupils make an effort to comply with the above health measures with efforts to maintain social distance when travelling around the building and to follow the one-way system at all times. Pupils will be expected to disinfect their working desks before and after each lesson.

START AND FINISH:

The school day will start at 08:30, but pupils will not be able to access the site before 08:15, if they walk or receive a lift. We ask parents not to drop off their children at school before 08:15. Each year will use a specific door for entering the building.

We will release pupils in their year groups at the end of the day, starting with year 7 at 14:45 (see our website for the times for each year group) in order to separate pupils on leaving.

BREAK AND LUNCH:

There will be no school lunch for pupils for the first two weeks (between the 3rd - 11th of September) and all pupils will be expected to bring a packed lunch. Pupils eligible for free school meals will continue to receive a weekly food parcel or Bacs payment during this period. We will provide food at the school from the 14th September. Pupils will spend their break and lunch with pupils from their year group only. There will be no food provision in the canteen during break, so pupils will need to bring healthy snacks if they wish. Lunch will be cut to 30 minutes, so bringing food themselves will benefit pupils during this period. We will provide food for pupils eligible for free school meals. Pupils will have the opportunity to have fresh air during the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

In September, we expect pupils to wear their usual school uniform. The new uniform ([see letter here](#)) is on sale from Bergoni. As noted in the letter, our pupils are allowed to wear their current uniform during the 12 months of the transition period up to September 2021.

TRANSPORT:

School transport will be available to pupils who qualify, but naturally because of the risk of COFID-19, it would be beneficial if parents who are able to transport their children to school did so. See our website for further information on school transport, including guidance for parents and pupils. We will maintain the same normal arrangements for dropping off and collecting your pupils.

I am sure that you will have a number of further questions and if so, please contact us on this new e-mail address: swyddfabryntawe5@hwbcymru.net, or by phoning the school. Thank you again for your support during this unprecedented and difficult time and we look forward to welcoming your child back in September.

Yours sincerely,





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