

24/06/20

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is great to see that nearly 500 pupils will return to school next week and we thank you as parents for your continuing support. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to Bryn Tawe on the appropriate day next week. The focus of the days will be to ensure the safety of all pupils, and to support your child's wellbeing and learning. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please complete this as a matter of urgency. We will not be able to admit children where parents have not completed the questionnaire. Please contact us if you have difficulty in completing the form.

As noted on our website yesterday, Swansea Local Authority has decided that schools will only open for 3 weeks, rather than the 4 weeks announced in the first instance. I would like to point out that all the staff at Bryn Tawe were fully committed to working the four weeks, but we support the LA's decision.

We have prepared a Healthy and Safety Agreement which we expect all parents to complete digitally prior to your child's return to school next week. Please visit and sign the agreement [here](#). The agreement specifically refers to:

1. parental responsibilities in ensuring that a pupil does not attend if they have displayed any symptoms over the last 14 days;
2. the protocol for isolation if a pupil displays or develops symptoms whilst at school;
3. clear expectations and consequences for pupils who persistently or deliberately refuse to follow social distancing guidelines and hygiene protocols. If your child persistently or deliberately refuses to follow these guidelines, you will be expected to collect them immediately.

One innovative aspect of this period has been the opportunity to develop and extend our pupils' independent learning skills. We have established plans for developing your child's blended learning skills over the three-week period in order to prepare them for the new academic year in September. To achieve this, we have put the following in place:

1. We are allowing pupils to bring their own device to school to support their learning. Our 'bring your own device' policy has been included in the Health and Safety agreement. We will provide pupils with access to the internet.
2. If your child has borrowed a school device; we expect them to bring the device with them on the days on which they attend. Pupils will not be allowed to share their devices (personal or borrowed from the school) with other pupils for health and safety reasons.
3. We will be streaming lessons from one room to another at school and possibly for pupils who are at home and unable to attend school. We will also record parts of lessons with explanations and instructions so that your child has access to these lessons outside of classroom hours. The relevant policies have all been included in the Health and Safety agreement and parental consent is required. As stated previously, all parents must complete the agreement prior to your child's return.
4. As part of the blended learning provision, your child will need suitable stationery and equipment for written schoolwork, including Mathematics equipment. It will be the responsibility of each parent to ensure that your child has the appropriate stationery and equipment.

Transport Arrangements:

- We will inform all parents with confirmation of their child's place on the school bus services.
- Drivers will be provided with a list of pupils for each designated bus stop.



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- All pupils will need to show their bus pass.
- Any pupil, who has not applied, and has not received confirmation from the school, will not be provided with a place on school transport.
- We will share travel guidelines on school buses, which will include actions put in place to ensure social distancing. Pupils will not be allowed to change seats on the bus.
- It is important that parents read the guidance carefully and ensure that their child follows these instructions.

We have produced a video highlighting the key health and safety protocols for when returning to school. These guidelines are crucial in ensuring the safety of pupils and staff attending the school site. These guidelines include:

- All pupils arriving and entering through the main gate (access via the canteen will be closed)
- All pupils entering the school building through the entrance in the Science block. This will **enable immediate handwashing in the laboratories**. Staff will guide pupils to labs 1-4 upon arrival (with up to 6 learners able to access these facilities at any one time).
- Clear signage and displays directing pupils along a **one way system which will apply in all corridors and staircases**.
- In addition to this, there will be frequent signs and reminders for all pupils, emphasising the **importance of social distancing at all times**, and also issuing guidance in relation to **maintaining high standards of hygiene**.
- Pupils will then be referred to classrooms, where **capacity varies between 10-12 learners** (dependent on the individual classroom's capacity)

We have updated the document for daily practical arrangements on our website, which includes important information in relation to the following ([click here to access the document](#)):

1. Timetable for different year groups
2. Timings of the day
3. Transport arrangements
4. Guidance for dropping-off and collecting pupils from school
5. Access to the school
6. Subject timetables
7. Classrooms and class groups
8. Breaktime and lunchtime arrangements
9. School uniform
10. Digital devices and school equipment
11. Toilet facilities

During this period, parents will NOT be allowed access to the school site without an appointment.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please get in touch with us via the contact details below.

Best wishes,





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