

05/03/21

Dear Parent Guardian,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school starting with pupils in years 11 and 13 returning to face-to-face learning from Monday the 15th March. Pupils in years 10 and 12 will return to face-to-face learning at school on Thursday 18th March. In addition to this, pupils in years 7-9 will have an opportunity to re-engage with their education by attending school on the day specified below. It has been a challenging and worrying time for all pupils over the last few months and it will be great to see them return to some level of normality in order to resume learning and reconnect with their friends and teachers. We will emphasise a focus on their wellbeing, as well as their learning during this period of return.

The table below clearly outlines the day your child will attend school:

Date	Year Groups	Date	Year Groups
Mon 15/03/21	11 and 13	Mon 22/03/21	10, 11, 12 and 13
Tues 16/03/21	11 and 13	Tues 23/03/21	7, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Weds 17/03/21	11 and 13	Weds 24/03/21	8, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Thurs 18/03/21	10, 11, 12 and 13	Thurs 25/03/21	9, 10, 11, 12 and 13
Fri 19/03/21	10, 11, 12 and 13	Fri 26/03/21	10, 11, 12 and 13

Pupils in the 6th Form (Years 12 and 13) will be free to attend school for their designated lessons only, provided they can travel to and from school safely. There will be no food provision from the canteen during these two weeks and pupils will be expected to bring a packed lunch on a daily basis. Pupils who are eligible for free school meals will continue to receive a BACS payment for the last two weeks of the Easter term and will therefore need to bring a packed lunch on a daily basis.

Although we are returning, the risk of spreading the virus remains, although the campaign to vaccinate the population is currently proving very successful in protecting those who have been immunised. We will need to continue with robust Covid measures, and ensure that we implement such procedures rigorously to reduce the risk to all pupils and school staff. Your support as a parent / guardian is crucial in reinforcing these vital messages. You are already familiar with these measures (we will update our full list of risk reduction measures via our website during the next week), but here are the key messages:

- If any **pupil, or someone living with a pupil shows symptoms** of Covid-19, the pupil **SHOULD NOT** attend school. Parents are expected to report positive cases to the school.
- Staff, pupils and visitors are expected to ensure **excellent hand hygiene at all times**. Pupils will need to use the **'hand sanitiser'** available throughout the school regularly during the day.



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- Pupils are expected to ensure **excellent respiratory hygiene** and follow the 'catch it, throw it, bin it' guidelines at all times - there are posters around the school to remind everyone of this expectation.
- **Regular cleaning** will take place during the school day, focusing on 'high touch' surfaces and at the end of each lesson in the classrooms.
- The **one-way system** will continue. Everyone is expected to follow the one-way system on all occasions to reduce crossing in corridors.
- ALL PUPILS are expected to strive to maintain **social distancing when travelling around the school campus**.
- All **pupils are expected to remain within their contact group – their year groups** at all times and to ensure that they do not mix with pupils from other year groups.

Face Coverings:

There is one important change in Welsh Government guidance for schools, namely that **pupils will be expected to wear masks in all classroom lessons** on their return from the 15th March (unless they are medically exempt from doing so). In addition to this, (and as was in place from September) pupils will be expected to wear their mask at all times when:

- travelling on a school bus to and from school
- on site during arrival (not only in the building) in the morning and on departure in the afternoon;
- travelling along the corridors;
- in the canteen and halls (when they are not eating).

The intention is to allow pupils to be outside, in a specific area for their year group, during break and lunch times where they will be able to ensure social distancing of 2 metres. In these cases, we will allow pupils to remove their masks for their wellbeing.

We will continue to offer emergency childcare for pupils in years 7 and 8 up until the Easter holidays and also offer wellbeing support at school for specific pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 during the last two weeks of term (15.03.21 - 26.03.21).

All pupils will return fully to school on Tuesday 13.04.21. We will share further arrangements nearer the time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,





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