

31/08/21

Dear Parents / Guardians,

With the start of the new academic term fast approaching and following the update on the guidance for schools ([Operational guidance for schools and settings \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)) I would like to confirm the arrangements with you to re-open from the 2nd of September.

Date	Activity
Thursday 02/09/21	INSET for staff – no pupils in attendance
Friday 03/09/21	Years 7 and 12 only to attend
Monday 06/09/21	All pupils return from years 7-13

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
- have been contacted by the TTP service and told to self-isolate
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms, or who has tested positive for COVID-19 - unless they are fully vaccinated or are under 18

Anyone developing COVID-19 symptoms during the school day will be sent home immediately

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

- **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, wash your hands' approach.**
- **Reduce contact between individuals and maintain social distances where possible.**
- **Ensure that all classrooms and corridors are adequately ventilated.**
- **Sanitize all working areas by cleaning surfaces that are frequently touched on a regular basis.**

As noted before the summer break, there will be key changes to school arrangements from September 2021.

- Pupils will no longer have to use face coverings in classrooms, but they will have to be used in communal areas, such as corridors, halls and canteens, and will also be required on school transport.
- Contact groups (bubble groups) will no longer be recommended – Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will lead on identifying the close contacts of staff and learners who have tested positive in the same way (as they would for any other individual who tests positive outside the school setting).
- We will encourage our pupils to test (using LFTs) before returning to school. Please see the WG advice here: [Get rapid lateral flow COVID-19 tests if you do not have symptoms | GOV.WALES](#). Please see [WG advice here](#) on how to take a LFT.
- We will return to our normal times from September (please see the table below):



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KS3 (Years 7-9)		KS4 and 5 (Years 10-13)	
Time	Activity	Time	Activity
08:00 – 08:30	Breakfast club available	08:00 – 08:30	Breakfast club available
08:30	Registration	08:30	Registration
09:00	Lesson 1	09:00	Lesson 1
09:50	Break	09:50	Lesson 2
10:10	Lesson 2	10:40	Break
11:00	Lesson 3	11:00	Lesson 3
11:50	Lunch	11:50	Lesson 4
12:40	Lesson 4	12:40	Lunch
13:30	Lesson 5	13:30	Lesson 5
14:20	Lesson 6	14:20	Lesson 6
15:10	End of the school day	15:10	End of the school day

We will share the full Covid safety measures and arrangements at the start of the new term.

Following a period of transition, and as of September, **we expect all pupils to wear the new school uniform**. It has been great to receive a number of extremely positive comments about the appearance of our pupils in the new uniform. Details for the uniform can be found [in this letter](#) and can be purchased from Bergoni. As noted in previous communication, our pupils were allowed to wear the 'old' uniform during the twelve-month transition period up until September 2021. The wearing of tracksuit bottoms or leggings are not permitted as part of the uniform. See our website ([Correspondence : Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bryn Tawe](#)) for full details in relation to the uniform, including our expectations for school shoes and for piercings. I would like to thank the vast majority of our pupils and parents for supporting our expectations with the uniform on a daily basis, and in ensuring that the appearance of our pupils is a source of pride for us at Bryn Tawe. Pupils are also expected to bring their own equipment to school for their personal use.

We will be providing school meals and break time snacks as usual from the start of term. We will share the full arrangements with all pupils on their return to school. There will be no breakfast club for the first fortnight of the school term, but we are hoping to re-start on the 20/09/21 – we will confirm the arrangements with all parents.

We are excited about welcoming our new year 7 and 6th Form pupils this Friday and are also looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school from Monday the 6th of September. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us on the e-mail or telephone number below.

Sincerely,




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