



07/09/2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer holidays and have settled back into school well. This letter outlines the latest guidance we have received from Welsh Government covering our plans for September. The potential changes reflect the progress that continues to be made with the rollout of the vaccination programme, which will aim to ensure that everyone working in our education system will have been offered both vaccinations by the end of September, growing our defenses against the virus. It must, however, be recognised that the COVID situation remains uncertain, and there may be a need to issue further updates in the event of any significant developments. We will be continually reviewing the latest advice from medical professionals and the Local Authority.

#### Self-isolation

Wales is at alert level zero. As a result, the current policy allows contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19 to be exempt from isolation if they are asymptomatic and double vaccinated (at least 14 days ago) or under the age of 18. However, those who have symptoms/test positive MUST continue to isolate immediately. We will continue to monitor the situation but TTP will make some final decisions on close contacts. TTP may contact the school to supplement the information they have gathered with any further information we may have available. The expectation of our school is that we follow the specific advice we receive from TTP. Close contacts might be asked to undertake LFT and even PCR tests.

#### Face Coverings

We will **no longer require the routine use of face coverings** in the classroom for staff or learners. However, **face coverings are required to be worn by learners when travelling on dedicated school and public transport**. We would however, request that all pupils have a mask (3 ply, medical grade face covering) with them in their bag, in the case that the guidelines change. **Visitors to the school will be required to wear a face covering**, this includes parents/carers who may bring pupils to/from school. It is important to stress that if anyone wishes to wear a face covering for personal reasons anywhere in the school/setting they will be permitted to do so. This may help support their wider well-being, reduce anxiety and provide additional reassurance for some individuals alongside other mitigating measures.

#### Uniform

Schools are being encouraged **to return to their usual uniform policies** as uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. The changing rooms will be available so **pupils will no longer come to school in PE kit** if they have PE lessons on that day. Please ensure that the school rules are adhered to with regard to jewellery:

- Nails to be a safe length for participating in PE and cookery lessons
- One stud earring per ear (no facial piercings). No other jewellery is permitted except a watch



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### Bubbles

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**Contact groups/bubbles are no longer required.** However, we will continue to have split lunches and break times with Key Stage 3 and 4 being separated.

### Pick up/Drop off

Due to safeguarding requirements, if you are dropping-off or collecting your child, please remain either in your vehicle (if using the drop off) or if you are walking you will need to remain at the bottom gate, on the main road. **Please do not enter the school site.**

### Cleaning & Ventilation

The additional **cleaning of high contact areas will continue.** The school will remain as well ventilated as possible.

### Testing

It is recommended that **Secondary school children and education workforce undertake regular Lateral flow tests.** We would be grateful if this could be considered. We are happy to give pupils tests to take home should they request them. These should only be opened under parental supervision at home.

**You can also order online by clicking [here](#).**

### Extracurricular and educational visits

We are looking to re-establish extracurricular activities and clubs which really support pupils' wellbeing and enhance our community ethos. We shall keep pupils informed of a timetable of activities when they commence later this month. **Look out for messages on the launch for 'Time to Shine'**

### Personal hygiene

COVID-19 is an easy virus to remove when it is on skin. This remains true for the new variant. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser. We would encourage pupils to **clean their hands regularly**, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating. Regular and thorough hand cleaning is going to be needed for the foreseeable future. **Please can you reiterate this to your children and encourage them to:**

- Clean their hands thoroughly more often than usual with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use a hand sanitiser if soap and water are unavailable.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it, wash your hands' approach.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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