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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware the First Minister, Mark Drakeford, and the Welsh Government's Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams, have made an announcement regarding the restarting of schools in Wales. As a result, Cantonian High School will undertake a staggered reopening from 15th March. The aim of this is to ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to attend school for face-to-face sessions before the Easter holidays.

The Welsh Government has prioritised examination classes returning and this will be an opportunity for Key Stages 4 and 5 to undertake further work to support the awarding of Centre Determined Grades. The focus for Key Stage 3 pupils will be a 'check in.'

All pupils will return to school after the Easter break as normal, unless we are advised differently by Welsh Government.

Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13)

An individual timetable will be available to all pupils in Years 12 and 13 which will allow for a mix of in-school face-to-face teaching and a continuation of remote learning. This will be available on Teams from Wednesday 10th March.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Year 11 pupils will attend school full time from Monday 15th March with the focus being their GCSE option subjects. This will give them the opportunity to prepare fully for their Centre Determined Grades. As the expectation is that all Year 11 will attend school, there will be no online learning available.

Year 10 pupils will attend school for periods 1 and 2 every day from Monday 15th March. It is intended that most pupils in Year 10 will be entered for a Centre Determined Grade in numeracy, English literature and Equality & Diversity, with their remaining qualifications achieved in the summer of 2022.

Timetables will be available on Teams from Wednesday 10th March.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Pupils in Key Stage 3 will have the opportunity to attend school for two afternoon sessions in the lead up to Easter. This will give them the opportunity to reconnect with their Form Tutors, undertake literacy and numeracy activities, and access our wellbeing team. Work will continue to be provided online for when pupils are working from home. A timetable showing when each year group should attend will be on Teams from Wednesday 10th March.

School Uniform

All pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform when they return from 15th March. If you need to purchase school uniform items, these are available through online shops or supermarkets; school uniform is considered an essential item by the Welsh Government. From Monday 12th April, school uniform is compulsory for all pupils.

Canteen

There will be no canteen provision in school before Easter and pupils will not be allowed off site during the school day. Therefore, they will need to be provided with a packed lunch if in school all day.

Health and Safety

The school has updated its risk assessment in readiness for the re-start and pupils will need to adhere to the following rules, in accordance with the Welsh Government Operational Plan:

- Face masks must be worn in all indoor areas of the school; this now includes the classroom
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entry to the building and classrooms, and pupils must continue to wash/sanitise their hands frequently throughout the day
- Pupils must ensure that they observe social distancing by following the markers around the school
- Staff instructions must always be followed

The Local authority has also issued the following recommendations:

- You should not send your child to school if they are unwell, even if you think they do not have coronavirus
- Always keep at least 2m from other people when dropping off and picking up your child
- Always wear a mask when in the school grounds or nearby
- Don't stop to chat at the school gates
- Don't invite other children or their parents to your home to play or stay overnight, even outdoors and even if they are in the same bubble at school
- Do not share a car to travel to school with other families, unless you have no other option
- Make sure your child understands the importance of washing their hands regularly

Pupils will remain in their year groups which will be their 'bubble.' If there is a positive case then the school will follow Test, Track and Trace procedures. To keep all staff and pupils as safe as possible, please ensure that you do not send your child to school if they develop any of the COVID-19 main symptoms:

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change to sense of taste or smell

If your child or anyone in your household shows any of these symptoms, you must book a test and your household must isolate until the test result is received. If the test comes back negative then your child may return to school. If it is positive, your household must isolate for ten days. If your child or your household is isolating, please contact the school using the pupil absence line (029 2041 5297). If your child has received a positive test result, please contact the school immediately.

Pupil Home Testing

The Welsh Government has also released guidance on pupil COVID-19 testing. The school will make available rapid-result COVID-19 tests to all school staff and older pupils, from Year 10 onwards. This is designed to help detect asymptomatic cases. These Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) will be undertaken at home and are entirely voluntary. You can sign your child up for this testing via the school website.


Hub Provision

The Hub provision for Key Worker and vulnerable pupils will continue to run as normal during the two weeks up until Easter, but it will remain as a 'bubble.' If you wish your child to attend the Hub then they will not be able to access the year group provision that will be taking place.

We do appreciate that you and your child may be feeling anxious about the return to school. We have worked closely with the Local Authority to ensure that we follow the Welsh Government's operational guidance for the re-start of schools. We have planned meticulously for your child's return to ensure we have made every effort to mitigate potential risks as much as possible.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have shown the school community during this pandemic. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school; it isn't the same without them.

Yours sincerely



MR G JONES
Head of School