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Dear Parents/Carers

I am now able to write to you again to clarify the arrangements for the restarting of our school as announced recently by the Welsh Government.

Cantonian High School will restart on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and the term will be extended by one further week until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. This will allow us four weeks to meet with pupils to 'check in, catch up and prepare', as outlined by the Welsh Government.

Since the announcement, as I mentioned in my previous letter, we have been busy making the necessary changes to the school to ensure that pupils and staff can adhere to social distancing measures whilst on site. Therefore, the following arrangements have been put in place:

From week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June, your child will:

- Be invited to attend school, 1 year group per day
- Be asked to attend a half-day session only, with a staggered start and finish time
- Arrive via either the main gate or Doyle Avenue and go straight to B block yard where they will be met by their form tutor, or designated teacher, who will escort them directly to their classroom
- Be allocated a desk within a classroom where they will be based; they will not move from their allocated seat and classroom except to use the toilet
- Be provided with their own equipment packs of pens and pencils; these will have their names on them, and they will not be able to share with others

If your child has a laptop or device provided by the school, this must be brought in with them when they attend.

Pupils will be attending on the following days:

Year 7: Wednesdays

Year 8: Thursdays

Year 9: Tuesdays

Year 10: Mondays

Year 11: Fridays

Year 12/13: Fridays

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Thank you to those of you who have responded to the questionnaire outlining if you intend for your child to return to school. If you have yet to inform us of your decision, please complete the questionnaire on the school's website: <https://www.cantonian.org> by 5pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you have informed the school that your child will be returning, they will receive an email via their Hwb email address telling them the time they are to attend school. Pupils will only be admitted to school on the day and time allocated.

During the first three weeks in school, your child will be focusing on 'check in, catch up and prepare', ready to resume formal learning in September. During the final week, we will be focusing on our transition year groups. This will provide an opportunity for year 9 to have an induction into their option subjects and year 11 and 12 to prepare for the transition to their AS and A level courses.

There will be no canteen facilities during the remainder of the summer term so please ensure that your child has eaten before attending school. Please provide them with a bottle of water to bring in as there will not be any refreshments available.

For the remainder of the summer term, pupils are invited to attend school in their own clothes, rather than school uniform. However, non-uniform must be appropriate; no crop tops, hot pants, ripped jeans or offensive slogans.

There is no requirement for your child to wear PPE (personal protective equipment), which includes masks. However, if you wish for your child to wear a mask, then they may do so. If this is the case, the mask/PPE must be worn on arrival and cannot be taken off in school; it must be removed and either washed or disposed of at home.

To ensure the highest standards of cleanliness and to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to, the following will be put in place:

- All staff will undergo health and safety training in relation to Covid-19 prior to school restarting.
- Hand sanitiser stations will be located around the school. Pupils will be expected to sanitise their hands, on arrival to school and when they enter and exit a classroom.
- The majority of classrooms will only cater for a maximum of 10 pupils with each desk two metres apart. In some of our specialist areas which are bigger, a maximum of 15 pupils will be accommodated. There will be floor markings in all classrooms to identify a two-metre space and a designated teacher area.
- In the corridors and communal areas, there will be floor markings at two metre intervals to ensure that pupils keep their distance from each other.
- All corridors will be one-way. There will be signage in place around the school to remind your child of the one-way system and social distancing measures.
- Toilets will be single use only with a queuing system in place. A toilet monitor will supervise the use of the toilets to ensure social distancing rules are followed.
- All classrooms will be cleaned at the beginning and end of the day with a midday clean in between. All high-traffic areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day, including toilets and contact areas, such as door handles.
- Some staff may wear PPE, including face masks.

Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone they live, with are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, including a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or loss of smell or taste.

To further ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff, the school reception will remain closed and parents, carers and visitors are not permitted onto the school site. If you need to contact the school, please phone directly on 029 2041 5250.

As I am sure you will appreciate, there has had to be significant changes to how the school will function in order to keep everyone safe. These new rules and expectations will be explained clearly to your child each time they attend school. However, I would appreciate it if you could discuss the expectations around social distancing with your child in advance.

When your child attends school, we expect the following:

- Pupils must keep 2 metres apart at all times
- Pupils must follow the school's one-way system and only use designated areas of the school
- Pupils must not gather in groups, inside or outside of the school
- Pupils must stop and wait when asked
- Pupils should cough and sneeze into their elbow and place all tissues in the designated bins
- Pupils must wash their hand regularly, for at least 20 seconds, and use hand sanitiser when told
- Pupils must avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth

These expectations are necessary to ensure that the school community is kept safe and any risk of transmitting germs is kept to a minimum. Therefore, any behaviour that undermines the safety of others will not be tolerated and any pupil who fails to adhere to these rules will be sent home from school immediately.

We are very much looking forward to seeing your child again, returning to school and getting back to a 'new normal'. Despite all the measures that will be in place, we will endeavour to make the school as welcoming as possible so that your child feels safe whilst they are in our care and they can start to get into a new routine. To support this, I would appreciate it if you could discuss the contents of this letter with your child to help prepare them for what the school will look like and the new rules and expectations that will be in place.

I hope that the measures that have been put in place will provide you with the necessary reassurance to enable you to send your child to school before the summer break. However, attendance to school during this term is voluntary. If you decide that you do not wish your child to return, then there will not be any impact of this decision.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



MRS D GILL

Headteacher