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1st September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you and your child have had an enjoyable summer holiday and are preparing for the return to school on **Tuesday 7th September**. Can we remind you that there will be a staggered induction for all year groups on that day and therefore pupils should attend school at the following times:

- Year 7 – 8.35 am assemble on B Block yard
 - Year 8 – 1.00 pm assemble on B Block yard
 - Year 9 – 1.10 pm assemble on B Block yard
 - Year 10 – 1.20 pm assemble on B Block yard
 - Year 11 – 1.30 pm assemble on B Block yard
 - Year 12/13 – 12.50 pm assemble on B Block yard
- All pupils will finish school at 3:05pm.

From Wednesday 8th September 2021, following updated Welsh Government guidance, all pupils will begin school at the usual time of 8.35 am, and the school day will finish at 3.05pm.

The Welsh Government have published updated Covid-19 operational guidance and we are now able to confirm arrangements for the start of the school term.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/pdf-versions/2021/8/5/1630058044/local-covid-19-infection-control-decision-framework-schools-autumn-2021.pdf>

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing

In line with the WG Education Minister's press release Wednesday 25th August "Take the steps needed to keep learners safe and learning" all pupils and staff, without symptoms, should take two LFD tests three days apart during the week leading up to their first day back. If the test is positive, they should self-isolate, and book a PCR test. Tests can be obtained from local community hubs which can be found by following the link:

<https://gov.wales/get-rapid-lateral-flow-covid-19-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms#section-77685>

Pupils should therefore take a Lateral Flow Device test on:

First LFD test: **Saturday 4th September**

Second LFD test: **Tuesday 7th September** (prior to attending school)

Once the test has been conducted, you or your child must log the test result online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Anyone who tests positive using a LFD test:

- Must not attend school and report the test online.
- Must then book a follow up PCR test through the online booking portal.
- Must notify the school of the result and will be contacted by the local contact tracing team.
- Must follow the advice given by the local contact tracing team.

A negative test result does not remove the risk of transmission.

Once back in school LFD testing should take place on Monday and Thursday mornings before the start of the school day.

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Preventative measures

We shall continue to apply preventative measures based on our local circumstances and ask for your support in the implementation of these. An updated risk assessment has been placed on our website in readiness for the new academic year.

We continue with a number of safe routines, these include:

- Expecting our pupils and staff to continue to wash or sanitise their hands on a regular basis. This includes 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.
- We shall continue to promote good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it, wash your hands' approach.
- Following the one-way system when moving around the school.
- Maintaining appropriate levels of cleaning and sanitising of equipment and rooms.
- **Expecting all members of our community to wear face coverings within communal areas of the school.** Staff and pupils will not be expected to wear face coverings within the classroom however if they wish to do so they can.
- All pupils travelling to school on public transport will be expected to wear a face covering on the transport.
- The school will continue to ensure there is adequate ventilation.

When not to come to school

The best way we can maintain full operations is by keeping Covid-19 out of our school. It is important we all fully understand that any pupil or staff member with any of the three symptoms of COVID-19 – new persistent cough, fever and/or loss of taste or smell – should not attend the school but should self-isolate, arrange a PCR test and notify the school of this. We are asking all families to take a cautious approach.

In addition, pupils, staff and other adults must not come to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19

Self-isolation requirements

Pupils, staff and other adults who are fully vaccinated or under 18 are not required to self-isolate as a contact and can be allowed to attend school. However, they will be contacted by the local contact tracing service and advised to take PCR tests on day 2 (from their last contact with the positive case) and day 8. PCR tests for close contacts – particularly if the contact is part of a household setting – helps break the chain of transmission within communities and protects those who are vulnerable to the virus. All members of our community are expected to remain vigilant for new symptoms, and try to avoid contact with vulnerable family and friends in the short-term (e.g. elderly relatives or those who are higher risk of severe COVID-19 infection).

Staff and other adults who have **not** been vaccinated must not come to school if they:

- live with someone who has Covid-19 symptoms;
- live with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19;
- have been told to self-isolate by the local contact tracing service

We appreciate that there is a lot of information provided in this letter, if you have any queries, please contact the school directly.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 7th September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D. Gill
Executive Headteacher



Mr G Jones
Head of School