

## Important information on the return to school for 29th June 2020

### As outlined in recent Welsh Guidance:

Schools will be reopening from 29th June to give pupils and staff the opportunity to 'check in, catch up and prepare for September 2020'.

We are reiterating the main points made in last week's update to parents and, where possible, giving further details under the following headings.

### Parent questionnaire

If you have not completed the recent parent questionnaire please do so **before 10am Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. We need to know which pupils are returning to school in order to plan the exact class sizes. **It is essential that this is completed**. Click here to access the questionnaire - [Parent Questionnaire](#)

### Health & Safety

The school will be adhering to the County wide Risk Assessment policy that is in place in conjunction with the [WG Guidance](#). This includes the installation of multiple hand sanitizer stations around the school, social distancing on the school site and within classrooms and a stringent cleaning rota.

Pupils unable to maintain appropriate social distancing rules will not be allowed to remain at school. They will be expected to work from home.

WG guidance does not require the wearing of PPE (Masks) at this time by either staff or pupils.

The school retains the right to review its provision in line with statutory guidance and make amendments to its Risk Assessment policy when and where necessary.

### Uniform

Pupils will NOT be expected to wear uniform. Guidance suggests clothing that is suitable for the school environment, comfortable and easily washable. Ideally clothing worn to school should be washed on returning home.

### Draft timetable

Guidance suggests no more than 1/3 of the total number of pupils should be present on the school site. In summary the timetable will run **from 8.30am - 2.00pm. Times for leaving will be staggered to abide by social distancing rules. Buses will depart from 2pm. Parents should contact the school if they have difficulties in collecting their children by 2.30pm. The school will remain open until 3.30pm for the childcare centre.**

Year groups can attend on the following days: Monday Year 7, Tuesday Year 8, Wednesday Year 9, Thursday and Friday Year 10. In addition, Year 12 are timetabled from 1.30pm - 3pm each day. Once we know our exact numbers, pupils will be expected to follow a timetable in the four days they are at home. As Welsh

Government has changed its guidance regarding 'live' lessons we will introducing more of this type of lesson and it will form part of our blended approach to learning.

Pupils will have a combination of academic and PE activities when in school and again the wearing of appropriate clothing should be taken into consideration.

### **Blended learning**

In line with Welsh Government Guidance we will be operating a 'blended learning approach. This will include recorded lessons, live streaming of lessons and lessons in school. This is a long-term approach which will be developed over the coming weeks.

It is envisaged that pupils will receive the necessary guidance to ensure their learning is supported as best as possible under these unprecedented circumstances. If parents choose not to send their children to school they will be expected to continue working from home.

### **Food/water**

Pupils will need to bring in their own packed lunch/ snacks. There **will not** be any food or drink available to purchase at school. Pupils should bring their own water bottles as there are facilities for refilling water bottles during the day.

### **Equipment**

Pupils will be required to bring in their own pen, pencil etc and not to share stationery equipment.

### **Classrooms**

Pupils will be in small groups within an allocated classroom. They will remain in this classroom for the day other than organised and staggered 'Wellbeing sessions'. These wellbeing sessions will replace normal break and lunchtime.

### **Transport**

In most cases pupils are encouraged to walk or be transported to and from school by parents. Pupils should be dropped off/picked up outside the school gates. Parents should not enter the school site unless they have a prearranged appointment with the member of staff. Those parents should wait in their car in the car park and a member of staff will collect them. We are awaiting further information regarding County run school bus transportation, but we have been informed that the DJ Thomas bus from Cadle/Gendros will NOT be operating for the rest of this term.

### **Pupil Wellbeing**

No pupil should be attending if they have a shielding letter from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales.

No pupil should attend school if they are exhibiting any Covid-19 symptoms specifically a high temperature, a new persistent cough or loss of the sense of smell or taste.

If a pupil shows symptoms whilst in school, they will be kept in the isolation room and parents will be contacted to collect their child from school immediately.

**Child care centre**

This is available for families where both parents are key workers or a single parent is an key worker, the childcare facilities will remain open from 8.00am - 3.30pm. Parents requiring access to this should contact the school to request a place.

**Here is a link to additional information for parents provided by Swansea Council <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/returntoschoolFAQs>**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us on 01792 873461. All communication with the school should be made via telephone as the school reception will be closed.

We hope that you and your family stay safe and well in these difficult times.