



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear Parent or Carer,

Thank you for your patience and support through what has been a challenging and turbulent few months. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that detailed information regarding the plans for September can be found on the school website <https://ysgolbaebaglan.j2bloggy.com/> Moreover, the information can be accessed by clicking on the following link: http://d6vsczyu1rky0.cloudfront.net/36504_b/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/return-to-school-september-2020.pdf

As far as face coverings in school settings (including transport) is concerned, the Welsh Government now recommends the use of face coverings/masks for people aged 11 and above indoors where social distancing cannot be maintained, including in schools and on school transport. We continue to liaise very closely with the Local Authority on this matter and in response to the latest Welsh Government and Local Authority advice about facial coverings we have reviewed our risk assessment.

Our latest policy is that staff and pupils may wear facial coverings from home in school if they choose to do so. However, we must all ensure that we follow safe practices whilst using facial coverings.

- Facial coverings are not a replacement for social distancing and hygiene practices.
- People should wash or sanitise their hands after handling a facial covering and it should be stored in a clean resealable bag when not in use.
- They should put on and take off their facial coverings safely, as demonstrated in the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk
- We believe our contact group, hand and surface hygiene and social distancing procedures mean that facial coverings are not needed in the classroom. Learning and hearing requirements and social communication make face coverings in classrooms for students or teachers inadvisable, but no-one will be prevented from wearing them.
- Reusable face coverings should be washed at the end of each day.

Please note that if your child uses home-school transport provided by the Local Authority or public transport, they are required to wear face coverings during each journey. The Local Authority will be issuing further guidance this week. We will continue to review our policy on the use of facial coverings in response to further advice from Welsh Government and the Local Authority.

Please refer to the school website for regular updates and contact the school if you have any additional questions.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Rees

Headteacher