



# Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear parent or carer,

Following our letter earlier in the week I wanted to write to you again to give you more detail about the return of Secondary Phase pupils.

I would like to start by emphasising that no pupil should attend school if they, or anyone in their household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms including a new continuous cough, raised temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell.

All secondary phase pupils will be expected to wear masks when on the school site. This includes outside areas, corridors and now, following new Welsh Government Guidance, **in classrooms** when learning. The only exception to this will be when eating at lunchtime, taking part in PE or for those with medical exemption. All visitors to the school site, including parents must wear masks at all times. Masks do not replace the need to socially distance whenever possible and to regularly wash or sanitise hands and measures within school will promote this. It is important that everyone follows the instructions of staff and adhere to our control measures; any person who does not may be asked to leave the school site.

## Arrival times

Year 7 Tuesday	8:35	14:50
Year 8 Wednesday	8:50	14:55
Year 9 Thursday	8:45	14:50
Year 10 Monday and Friday	8:40	14:45
Year 11 Every day	8:30	14:45

Pupils must use the same entrances and exits as before lockdown and go immediately to their registration room.

## Wellbeing

At the end of each school day our Wellbeing Team will be available for a discussion with any pupil who would like to stay behind and talk about any difficulties they are having that we could help with. This will take place in the library and LC17 and pupils should continue to follow safety control measures until they leave the school site.

## **School Canteen**

The school canteen will be open at lunchtime only and pupils will be able to purchase lunch. Free school meal payments for all primary phase and Year 11 parents will cease and pupils will receive free school meals. For Years 7-10 we are still awaiting guidance on the provision of free meals as FSM payments will continue until pupils return fully after Easter. All parents will receive payments for the Easter holiday.

## **Transport**

There has been no change to our transport arrangements and will be operated the same as prior to closure.

## **Year 11 Assessment**

All Year 11 pupils will return to face to face teaching from Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> with the expectation being that they will follow their normal timetable with the school day timings as they were prior to lockdown. No WJEC based assessments will take place before Easter. This time will be used to see where the pupils are in their learning and share with them information on how they will be assessed and graded in their subjects. As you know all Year 11 pupils will be awarded a Centre Determined Grade based on the work done across KS4 and this may include work from internal exams, adapted past papers provided by WJEC, NEA elements and other assessed work.

When the pupils return after the Easter holiday's they will complete a series of subject based assessments using the adapted past papers that are being produced by WJEC. These assessments will take place in class, supervised by their class teacher under exam conditions. A timetable informing pupils when these assessments will take place will be issued shortly.

We are currently planning an online parents' evening as soon as practicable during the summer term.

## **LFT tests**

Separate guidance will be issued as soon as the school receives this from Welsh Government.