



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Welsh Government changes to the wearing of face Coverings in schools

As we approach the last couple of weeks of the Autumn Term, I need to update you on the emergence of the new COVID-19 variant. You may be aware that on Monday evening a Ministerial Announcement was made regarding actions to mitigate against a new Covid-19 variant. Whilst there is some uncertainty about the new variant, the Education Minister, Jeremy Miles announced that the Welsh Government are introducing additional measures in schools:

“All staff and learners should now wear face coverings while indoors including in classrooms where physical distancing cannot be maintained... This is a temporary, precautionary measure that will be in place for the remaining weeks of term at which point the position will be reviewed. This should come into effect as soon as possible. There will be some learners and staff who are exempt from wearing face-coverings and we do not expect this to change that position as the wellbeing of individuals is critical to any considerations around whether staff or learners should wear face coverings.”

From Monday 6th December until Christmas, pupils in Secondary Phase will be asked to wear face coverings in classrooms and communal areas in school. We ask for your support in helping us to implement this measure.

During examinations in the exam hall, pupils will be distanced and forward facing and will therefore not be required to wear masks.

It is obviously our desire for all pupils and staff to remain fit and healthy in the run up to Christmas. I would therefore urge people to follow the Welsh Government guidance.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Rees

Headteacher