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# **Return to School Guidance for Parents and Carers**

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### **Return to School Guidance for Parents and Carers**

We would like to start by thanking you all for your hard work, help, support and patience through this very challenging period.

We are really looking forward to seeing our students in September. However, things will not be the same when we return. A huge amount of planning has taken place during the summer holidays to ensure that the school is as safe as possible.

The wellbeing of staff and students is our top priority. The measures outlined in this document are designed to manage and reduce risk. This requires cooperation, compliance and goodwill on everyone's part.

I hope that you and your family are well and I look forward to welcoming your child/children to Bryn Celynnog in September.

Yours sincerely,

Debra Baldock

Headteacher

## Summary of information for parents/carers

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September:	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	INSET Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September:	Years 7, 11, 12, 13
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September:	Years 7, 11, 12, 13
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September:	Years 7, 11, 12, 13 & 8
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September:	Years 7, 11, 12, 13 & 8
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September:	Years 7, 11, 12, 13 & 8
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September:	All year groups in school

## Year Group Zones

In line with Local Authority guidance, each year group will be zoned as follows:

Year 7: English Block / rugby pitches / E Block toilets

Year 8: Languages Block / surrounding courtyard / L Block & Sports Hall toilets

Year 9: Humanities Block / quad / H Block toilets

Year 10: Science Block / tennis courts / S Block toilets

Year 11: Maths Block / basketball courts / M Block toilets

Year 12: Drama Workshop (for study in non-contact periods) & Sixth Form toilets

Years 13: Sixth Form Area & Sixth Form toilets.

- Students should wear full school uniform.
- On days when students have PE, in order to avoid using the changing rooms, students may wear their standard school PE kit. Students must wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms over their shorts.
- Students should bring their own equipment to school and should not share equipment with anyone else.
- Students will be asked to sanitise their hands upon entry into the school, on entry and exit to the classrooms, before and after eating and drinking, and after the use of the toilets.
- Each year group will stay in their allocated zone during registration and lunch break. Each year group has a dedicated outside space as well as an indoor space. Each year group has their own toilet block.
- Meetings with parents/carers will only take place before or after the school day.
- Parents will be expected to pay for school meals online. Cash will not be accepted.
- The Local Authority catering services will not be serving food at break-time. Therefore, students will need to bring their own snacks and drinks into school, which they will need to consume in their designated zones.
- At lunchtime, the school catering teams will produce a reduced menu. The lunch break will be staggered. Students will eat their lunch in their zones. Parents may prefer to send their children to school with a packed lunch.
- If a student contravenes any of the school's revised health and safety procedures, a senior member of staff will isolate the student and contact parents immediately.

### Do NOT send your child to school if:

- they feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- they live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19;
- they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

## **Attendance**

All children will be required to attend during the autumn term, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).

You should notify the school as normal if your child is unable to attend so that staff are aware of any sickness absence and can discuss this with you.

Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time, although this will be reviewed and monitored over the first autumn half-term period.

### **'Extremely vulnerable' or shielding learners**

Where a student is unable to attend school due to underlying health issues and is shielding, the school will continue to provide support and resources in order for learning to take place. This may be through a variety of means, such as work packs and digitally sourced work through Microsoft Teams, etc.

This position will be further considered in the light of the most current advice around shielding. It is anticipated that updated guidance on shielding will be published by Welsh Government shortly.

### **Clinically vulnerable learners at 'increased risk'**

In the context of COVID-19, individuals at 'increased risk' are at a greater risk of severe illness from COVID-19. This category includes children and young people who have a range of chronic health conditions. Young people who are pregnant should stay away from school after 28 weeks' gestation.

If clinically vulnerable students do attend school, extra care must be taken to ensure these individuals, and those around them, adhere to strict social distancing guidelines. Such attendance must be with the full consent of parents/carers and their full agreement with an individual risk assessment and associated control measures.

### **Living with a person who is either shielding or at increased risk**

If a student lives in a household with someone who is at increased risk or is "shielding", they should only attend a school or setting where they are strictly able to adhere to the social/physical distancing measures and the student is able to understand and follow those instructions.

**Do NOT send your child to school if:**

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- they live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19;
- they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

## Managing Capacity

Schools are expected to welcome all students back into school in September.

Local Authority guidance states that we have to have at least one third of students in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, at least 50% by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and all students in school by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our plans are outlined below:

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September:	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	INSET Day
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Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September:	All year groups in school

## **Arrangements for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The normal timetable will be suspended to allow teaching to take place in two half-day blocks.

### **Year 7: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- Year 7 students will follow a programme of induction, literacy, numeracy, ICT and wellbeing.

### **Year 11: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- Year 11 students will study all the subjects in the core curriculum, and their option choices, in half-day blocks.

### **Years 12/13: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- Students in Years 12 and 13 will study their option choices and the KS5 WBQ programme in half-day blocks.

### **Year 8: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- Year 8 students will follow a programme of skills.

## **Arrangements for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **Arrangements for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

All year groups will be in school. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an extended registration period for one hour. From 10.00am, all students will revert to the published timetable.

### **Arrangements for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

All students will follow their normal timetables.

### **Year Group Zones**

In line with Local Authority guidance, each year group will be zoned as follows:

Year 7: English Block / rugby pitches / E Block toilets

Year 8: Languages Block / surrounding courtyard / L Block & Sports Hall toilets

Year 9: Humanities Block / quad / H Block toilets

Year 10: Science Block / tennis courts / S Block toilets

Year 11: Maths Block / basketball courts / M Block toilets

Years 12/13: Sixth Form Area & toilets

### **Registration and lunchtime**

Each year group will stay in their designated zone during **registration and lunchtime**.

During these times, students will not be able to enter any rooms or zones other than those designated.

Each year group has a dedicated outside space as well as an indoor space.

Each year group has their own toilet block.

### **Senior Management Team supervision**

Members of the Extended Senior Management Team will be attached to each of the zones:

Year 7:	Ms Baldock	English Block
Year 8:	Mrs Glennon	Languages Block
Year 9:	Mrs Burke	Humanities Block
Year 10:	Mr Nelson & Mr Williams	Science Block
Year 11:	Mr Davies & Mrs Thomas	Maths Block
Years 12/13:	Mr Thomas	Sixth Form Area

### **Timing of the school day**

8.45am-9.00am:	Registration
9.00am-10.00am:	Lesson 1
10.00am-11.00am:	Lesson 2
11.00-11.20am:	Break
11.20am-12.20pm:	Lesson 3
12.20pm-1.15pm:	Lesson 4
<b>1.10pm-1.40pm:</b>	Lunch: Session 1: Year 7 only
1.20pm - 1.40pm:	Lunch: Session 1: Year 8 and Year 9
1.35pm-1.55pm:	Lunch: Session 2: Year 10 and Year 11
1.55pm-2.55pm:	Lesson 5

## **Break and lunchtime arrangements**

### **Break**

Morning break will run from 11.00 – 11.20am for all students. The Local Authority catering services will not be serving food at break-time so as to enable school catering teams to serve a staggered lunch. Therefore, students will need to bring their own snacks and drinks into school, which they will need to consume in their designated zones. All zones will be supervised by staff.

**Inclement weather:** Students should make their way to lesson 3 and eat their snacks in their lesson 3 classroom.

**Fine weather:** Students can eat their snacks in their designated zones.

### **Lunch**

At lunchtime, the school catering teams will produce a reduced menu (two hot dishes, one cold dish) to enable students to be served swiftly.

The main canteen will be divided in half to create two distinct venues for the purchase of food. The Red Brick canteen will provide a third venue.

Meals will be served in disposable boxes. Students will eat their meals in their designated zones.

Lunch will be served in two sessions.

#### **Lunch session 1**

**1.10pm-1.40pm:** Lunch: Session 1: Year 7 only (right hand entrance to canteen)

1.20pm - 1.40pm: Lunch: Session 1: Year 8 (entrance to canteen via fire doors)

1.20pm-1.40pm: Lunch: Session 1: Year 9 (Red Brick canteen)

#### **Lunch session 2**

1.35pm-1.55pm: Lunch: Session 2: Year 10 (entrance to canteen via fire doors)

1.35pm – 1.55pm: Lunch: Session 2: Year 11 (Red Brick canteen)

NOTE: Years 12 & 13 will be able to access both canteens in both sessions.

Social distancing measures will be put in place to protect canteen staff (e.g. screens at serving hatches, use of floor tape to demarcate areas, etc.)

**Cashless system**

The Local Authority has stated that no cash or cheques will be accepted in school.

Parents will be expected to pay online.

The revaluation units (cash machines) in school will be switched off.

Students will be allowed to have 'credit' until parents are able to arrange online payments.

Students will sanitise their hands upon entry into the canteen. They will use the biometric system (fingerprint) to purchase their food. They will sanitise their hands immediately afterwards.

**Water dispensers**

Access to water dispensers will be managed and supervised by school staff. Hand sanitisers will be placed adjacent to the water dispensers.

## **General information for students**

### **Student arrival**

Students should arrive at school by 8.45am. They should access the school via the main gate and go directly to their year group zone (see page 10). The school will operate a strict one-way system, which is clearly marked with signage on floors and doors.

We would respectfully request that you do not send your child to school before 8.15am.

If you are transporting your child to school by car, please stay in your car to minimise social contact.

If your child needs to be accompanied to school for whatever reason, only one parent should attend.

Parents should avoid adult to adult contact, including gathering at the school gates.

### **Student departure**

Staff will supervise students' departure from classrooms at the end of the day to ensure that classes leave one at a time and that contact with other groups is minimised.

If you are collecting your child from school by car, please stay in your car to minimise social contact.

If you are collecting your child on foot, please wait outside the school gates and observe the 2 metre social distancing protocols to minimise adult to adult contact.

Parents/carers/students must leave the school site immediately and not congregate.

### **Home To School Transport**

If your child already receives free school transport, or if new arrangements have been put in place for September, the mainstream school transport routes will continue to operate as they did before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council is encouraging parents and carers to take their children to school by walking or cycling, or alternatively by private car, rather than using dedicated school transport.

Additional information can also be found at:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/ParkingRoadsandTravel/Travel/SchoolandCollegeTransport/Schoolbusroutes.aspx>

*(Transport timetables are subject to change and will be updated in August).*

## **Uniform**

Students should wear full school uniform. The Bryn Celynnog uniform does not involve ties or blazers and can be easily washed on a daily basis. Daily washing of clothes worn to a school setting is strongly recommended to ensure that risks are mitigated.

## **PE kit**

On days when students have PE, in order to avoid using the changing rooms, students may wear their standard school PE kit.

NOTE: Students must wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms over their shorts.

## **Student equipment**

Students should bring their own equipment to school and should not share equipment with anyone else. It is recommended that students limit the amount of equipment they bring into school to essential items only.

## **Mobile phones**

The school policy regarding mobile phones remains in place. Students should ensure that their mobile phones are switched off and kept in bags whilst inside school buildings.

## **Contact with parents / carers**

In order to limit the number of people accessing the school site, no parents/carers will be permitted within any school building during the school day without an appointment.

Meetings with parents/carers will only take place before or after the school day. Where possible, telephone or video communication will be explored as an alternative. Parents will be required to sign in and state who they have an appointment with.

It is vital the school has the most up to date contact details for all parents/carers, in case they need to be contacted during the day.

### **Expectations regarding behaviour**

The school's Code of Conduct will remain in place. It will be rigorously enforced. Students must behave in a way that does not put others in jeopardy. We have amended our current Behaviour Policy specifically to include the following statement:

*Coronavirus (COVID-19): This policy has been updated based on RCT guidance for the safe re-opening of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020:*

*The safety and wellbeing of staff and students during the return to school is considered to be of the utmost importance.*

*Any refusal to comply with new school procedures regarding safety, or any anti-social behaviour which places other members of the school community at risk, will incur rigorous disciplinary action.*

**If a student contravenes any of the school's revised health and safety procedures, a senior member of staff will isolate the student and contact parents immediately.**

## **Classroom Routines**

All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitiser, tissues and a foot-operated pedal bin for the disposal of tissues and sanitiser wipes.

Antibacterial spray, blue paper roll and a box of gloves will be available for the cleaning of desks after each lesson by the teacher.

In line with Local Authority guidance, seating has been organised so that students are facing the front and are not face to face or side on. Where this is not possible (e.g. in certain computer suites and Science labs) Perspex screens have been positioned to reduce contact between students.

### **Students must:**

- sanitise their hands upon entry and exit.
- leave windows and doors open (where possible) to improve natural ventilation.
- remain 2 metres away from the teacher.
- ensure any tissues that are used (if they sneeze, etc.) are placed in the pedal bin.
- adhere to the teacher's seating plan.
- leave the classroom at the end of the lesson only when the teacher tells them to, to ensure a staggered departure.

### **Students must not:**

- change seats.
- give out any resources to other students.
- allow other students to share their equipment.
- ask to leave the classroom to go to the toilet at the same time as another student.

### **Practical lessons / use of shared resources**

In line with Local Authority guidance, resources that are shared between contact groups will be cleaned frequently and meticulously, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics).

### **Use of text books**

Text books will not be shared by different classes unless teachers are able to leave a period of time between use, i.e. 48 hours.

### **Marking of exercise books**

Exercise books will be marked as normal, but following strict safety procedures. Nitrile gloves are available in each faculty to enable staff to carry out this task safely. Staff may prefer to leave a period of 48 hours between student contact with books and the marking process. We respectfully request that parents understand that the marking of books may be delayed in order to keep staff safe.

### **Setting and marking of homework**

Where possible, homework tasks will be set and marked via Microsoft Teams (which we used during lockdown for home learning). During the first week in the Autumn Term we will ensure that all students are familiar with their login details.

### **Library**

Soft furnishings have been removed and replaced with chairs that can be easily cleaned. Students are still encouraged to borrow books and other resources for use at home. Once returned, these items will be placed in 'isolation' for 48 hours before being made available for loan again. Dr Barden will assist students in their choice of resources as much as possible but, where browsing is necessary, any items touched and discarded will also be placed in 'isolation' for 48 hours.

### **Contact sports**

Local Authority guidance states that outdoor activities are to be encouraged, but not contact or other risky sports and games.

### **Supply teachers, peripatetic teachers, SNSAs and other temporary staff**

Local Authority guidance states that supply teachers, peripatetic teachers and/or other temporary staff can move between schools. They should ensure that they minimise contact and maintain as much distance as possible from other staff and students.

Specialists, therapists, clinicians and other support staff for students with SEN should provide interventions as usual.

## **Teaching**

It is important that parents and students understand that safety considerations will change the way in which classrooms operate. This also applies to the way in which students will be taught.

Some of the possible changes are outlined below:

- The teacher may choose to teach the class from behind a screen on their desk.
- A student who requires the teacher's help may be asked to wait in front of the teacher's screen or the 2-metre line in front of the teacher's desk so that social distancing can be maintained.
- The teacher may decide to do more teaching from the front and ask students to do more classwork independently, rather than doing group or pair work.
- The teacher may choose to set homework and other tasks using Microsoft Teams. These can be marked online to avoid the need for teachers to handle paper homework brought into school from students' homes.
- Teachers may set more reading and research tasks in lessons.
- Blended learning will become part of the 'new normal'.

Students will need to get used to the particular teaching style that each teacher adopts in their classroom.

## **Office 365**

It is imperative that all students know their login details. If there is a break-out of Covid-19 in a year group or a class and we are forced to return to a partial home-learning situation, all students will need to know how to work independently.

## **Protocols for staying safe**

### **Social Distancing**

Wherever possible, students in Years 7 & 8 will stay in the same class size pods for all their lessons, as per Local Authority guidance.

Students in Years 9-13 will remain as year group pods to enable them to follow their GCSE or A Level option choices. The aim is to minimise the number of contacts where possible.

There is visible signage across the school reminding students of the need to observe basic social distancing and hygiene rules.

A one-way system will operate throughout the school to minimise the risk of students from different classes from coming into close contact.

### **Hygiene and Cleaning**

There will be cleaning stations available on entry to the school and in each classroom. In addition, hand basins are available in the designated toilets. Hands should be washed with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds.

Students will be asked to sanitise their hands upon entry into the school, on entry and exit to the classrooms, before and after eating and drinking, and after the use of the toilets. Please talk to your child about hand hygiene and regular hand washing as this has been highlighted as being one of the most effective strategies to combat the spread of the virus.

Windows will be kept open in rooms to let in fresh air and to ensure there is natural sunlight. Doors (with the exception of fire doors) will be propped open to minimise surface contact.

Tissues will be placed in a separate foot-operated pedal bin and disposed of safely. All rubbish will be removed daily. Used antibacterial surface wipes will also be placed in a separate waste bin and disposed of safely.

There will be a cleaning team on site throughout the day to ensure that high usage areas, such as door handles and hand rails, are cleaned regularly. The school will receive a 'deep' clean each evening.

**The school has invested in an industrial fine mist anti-viral cleaning system. This system will be operated throughout the day and by school cleaners after the daily deep clean.**

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Physical distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene (catching a cough or sneeze in a tissue or covering the mouth and nose with an elbow or sleeve) remain strongly evidenced to be the most effective ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

*NOTE: We are awaiting further guidance regarding the use of face masks, following the statement by the Chief Medical Officer on 26<sup>th</sup> August who has recommended face coverings 'for all members of the public over 11 years in indoor settings in which social distancing cannot be maintained, including school and school transport'.*

### **Single use face coverings**

If students choose to wear single use face coverings on the journey to school (for example on school buses), we will provide clearly labelled designated bins for their disposal. They must not be placed in recycling bins. Any home-made non-disposable face coverings that students wear when they arrive at school must be removed by the wearer and put in a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them in order to take it home. The student will be expected to wash or sanitise their hands afterwards.

### **First Aid**

Full PPE will be worn by any member of staff administering first aid. This will comprise of an apron, gloves, a fluid-resistant mask and a visor.

The same PPE will be worn if any student shows symptoms of COVID-19. RCT procedures will be followed in this circumstance. If any student tests positive for COVID-19 who has been in school, this will trigger the RCT protocol outlined in the sections below.

#### **Student illness (non Covid-19 related)**

Basic first aid issues will be dealt with by trained first aiders in school. Each first aider has their own supply of PPE (apron, gloves, a fluid-resistant mask and a visor).

#### **Covid-19 related illness**

The Hygiene Room for all suspected cases of Covid-19 is Maths Office 1.

The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher will deal with all suspected cases. Full PPE will be worn if any student shows symptoms of COVID-19. RCT procedures will be followed in this circumstance. If any student tests positive for COVID-19 who has been in school, this will trigger the RCT protocol outline in the sections below (see page21).

#### **Access to testing**

Staff and students will be ensured access to testing where appropriate, and engagement in the test, track and protect interventions.

## Supporting the Wellbeing of Students

These challenging and uncertain times have undoubtedly placed students and parents/carers under significant pressure. Supporting students to adapt to a new and unfamiliar environment has been the most important consideration throughout the planning process. Students will be encouraged to express any worries and concerns they have so that they can be supported in an appropriate manner.

Additional resources have been made available to support young people, teachers and leaders, and others. A Young Person's Mental Health Toolkit can be found on Hwb. This comprises a variety of online resources, which can help them through lockdown and beyond. It contains information on websites, apps, helplines, and more, which support mental health and wellbeing:

- Anxiety <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/agg9pn>
- Coronavirus and your well-being <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/ffkbs1>
- Crisis <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/4ypw1s>
- Keeping health <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/nz95en>
- Loss <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/lvy6hx>
- Low mood <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/bi4vbc>

<https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/e53adf44-76cb-4635-b6c2-62116bb63a9a/en>

## **Suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in school**

If a student or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days unless a subsequent test proves negative.

All staff and students will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Where a student or staff member displays symptoms the school setting will engage with the Test, Trace and Protect strategy. See the link for further details:

<https://gov.wales/guidance-testing-and-contact-tracing-education-settings>

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class/group within their childcare or education setting may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

Depending on the outcome of further testing, the rest of the class/group may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the student or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Where schools are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole school will not generally be necessary.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

For further guidance, please refer to the Council's link below:

[https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/EmergenciesSafetyandCrime/InformationforResidentsCoronavirus/Schoolreturn/ReturntoSchoolSeptember2020%E2%80%93FAQs.aspx?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm\\_content=Schools+reopen#TRANSPORT](https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/EmergenciesSafetyandCrime/InformationforResidentsCoronavirus/Schoolreturn/ReturntoSchoolSeptember2020%E2%80%93FAQs.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Schools+reopen#TRANSPORT)