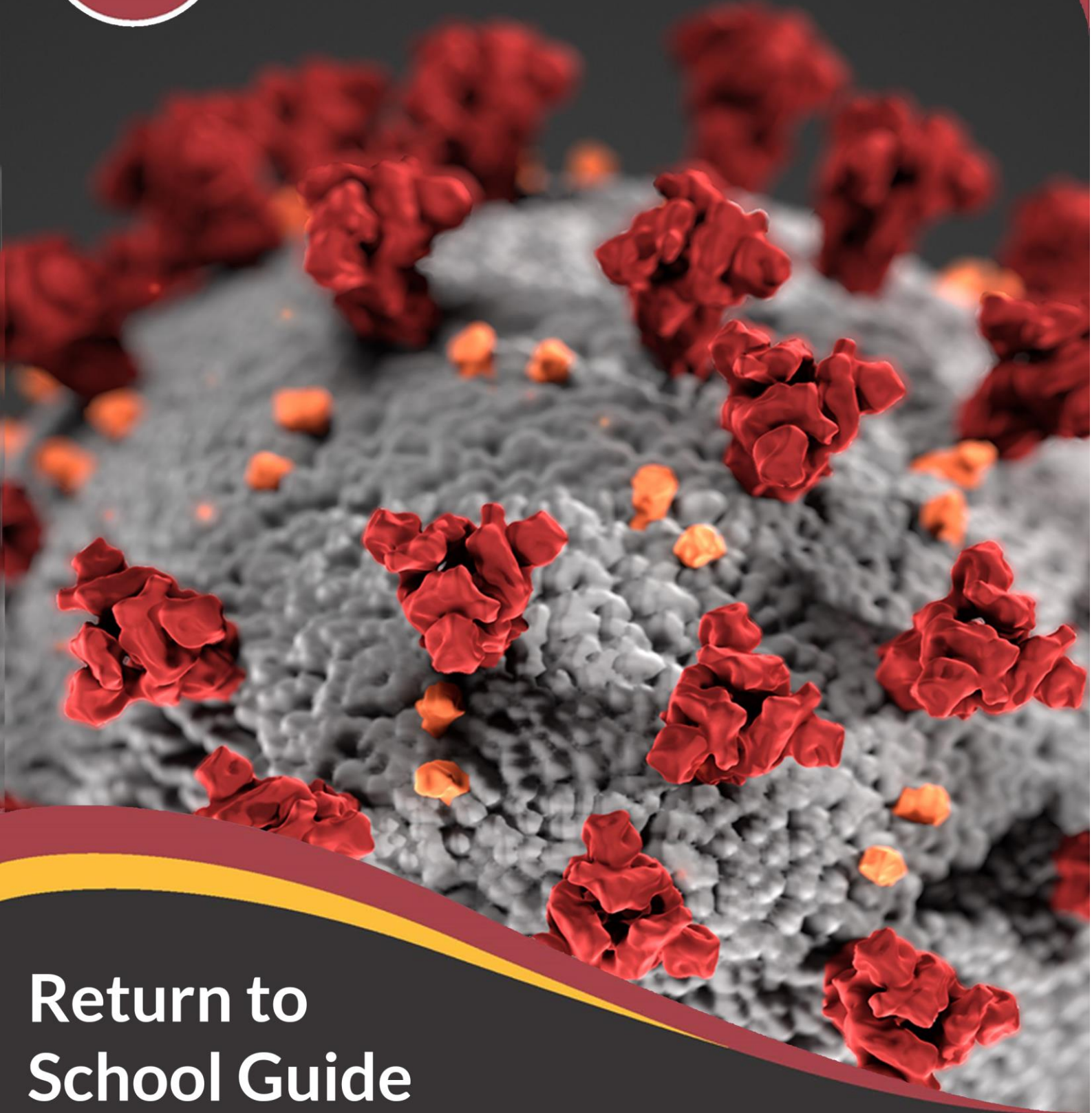




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**Return to
School Guide
(Secondary Phase)**
Update July 2020

Introduction

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support throughout the period of enforced school closure. The COVID 19 pandemic has without doubt been one of the greatest challenges that we will ever face in our lifetime. I continue to be impressed by the community spirit of everyone at the school to support each other during these unprecedented times.

From the 29th June we have provided face to face experiences for students in all year groups. This period has been very successful in supporting students to 'check in' with staff and discuss any concerns that have arisen, 'catch up' on key learning and 'prepare for September'.

Following publication of Welsh Government guidance in July, it is our intention that all students in all year groups will return to school from the beginning of the Autumn term on a phased basis. In line with the Education ministers announcement on the 9th July, the school will use the period between the 1st - 14th September to provide training for staff, to provide transition for the new Year 7 and begin an accelerated learning programme for the new Year 11. Other year groups will be phased in during the week beginning the 7th September.

I recognise that our model may be different from other schools within and beyond our Local Authority. However, we have developed our plan in order to ensure a delivery of a broad curriculum but also ensuring suitable control measures are in place.

There are a number of key considerations that have led to the decision to increase operations within school settings at this time. These include the severity of disease in children – there is high scientific confidence that children of all ages have less severe symptoms than adults if they contract coronavirus (COVID-19); the age of children – there is moderately high scientific confidence that younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected with coronavirus (COVID-19); and measuring these risks against the negative health impact of being absent from school for a sustained period, reinforces the need for a return to school in the autumn term. However, please be assured that we will continue to act with caution in order to safeguard all members of the community, while increasing operations, in line with national guidance

This guide will hopefully provide clarity on how the school will operate for the Autumn term. It is designed for the safety of all. If you do have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support. I wish you and your family a restful holiday and we are very much looking forward to working alongside you from September.

Many thanks,

Shaun Clarke
Headteacher

Public Health Guidance

Protective measures

Taking into account the latest Welsh Government and UK Government guidance, the school has adapted its system of protective measures which our students, staff and families will be familiar with from the summer term. This includes

- a requirement that people who are ill remain at home (for the period as specified by Public Health Wales);
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene;
- enhanced cleaning arrangements;
- an active engagement with NHS Test, Track and Protect strategy; and
- formal consideration of how to reduce contact between different groups of people and maximise distance measures between those in school, wherever possible, and as so far as is reasonably practicable.

Assessing coronavirus (COVID-19) risks and implementing control measures

In line with Welsh Government Guidance, the school has already assessed the risks and taken reasonable steps to protect staff, students and others from coronavirus (COVID-19). The school implemented proportionate control measures to limit the transmission of the virus as part of the first phase of increased operations from 29th June.

As part of the planning for a full return by 14th September, the school has considered the additional risks so that sensible measures are put in place to control those risks for the additional children and staff who will attend in the autumn term (a copy of the risk assessment will be available on our website).

Hygiene

Strong personal hygiene helps reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, the NHS 'catch it, bin it, kill it' principles will remain a strong feature of the school's approach to supporting good respiratory hygiene.

Regular washing of hands with liquid soap and running water for at least 20 seconds, as well as avoiding touching your face limits the risk of contamination. As a means of prevention, the school will ensure that all staff and students understand the importance of regularly washing their hands and that these facilities are in place. This will include access to handwashing stations, with regular supplies of liquid soap, and hand sanitisers, with at least 60% alcohol. These will be placed inside every classroom and throughout communal areas of the site.

The school will ensure that students and staff have an opportunity to clean their hands regularly. Staff will also ensure students are reminded of effective handwashing techniques. These will be displayed around the school.

Regular handwashing / sanitising should include

- on arrival at and when leaving the school;

- before and after handling food;
- before and after handling objects and equipment that may have been used by others;
- where there has been any physical contact; and
- after people blow their nose, sneeze or cough.

Students and staff should cough into their elbow. Insofar as it is possible, students and staff will be encouraged not to touch their face.

To support effective hygiene practices, the school will maintain an enhanced cleaning system to help prevent risk of transmission of the virus. The building will be cleaned throughout the day and, thoroughly, at least once per day. Particular attention will be given to clean 'high-touch' areas and surfaces, which will be cleaned more frequently than normal, including toilets, banisters, tables, equipment and door handles. An additional clean is required when student groups are changed within any area or classroom. This includes canteen facilities. Cleaning staff are expected to maintain social distancing from each other and from teaching staff and students at all times. The school will continue to dispose of waste in line with latest guidance and ensure it is removed daily. This includes the procedure for disposing of any waste suspected of being in contact with someone showing symptoms of coronavirus. The Business Manager and Facilities Manager will ensure that the cleaning team fully understand the cleaning requirements and ensure that they have appropriate training, products and equipment being available.

Grouping of students

The use of consistent contact groups (or 'bubbles') of students helps to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. This is the approach which has been used by the school during the first phase of increased operations in the summer term. These distinct 'bubbles' do not mix with other groups, making it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate.

The school recognises that the practicalities of managing this process from September is far more complex and challenging in a secondary school. This is because of the demands of delivering examination courses at GCSE, where students follow a broad range of options unique to their own individual pathway. In line with Welsh Government guidance, the school will create larger 'bubbles' or Contact groups in order to deliver the full range of curriculum subjects and enable students to receive specialist teaching.

Where practicable, the school will seek to maintain class 'bubbles' for key stage 3 students through the delivery in their teaching groups. However, to ensure that this does not negatively impact the quality of learning. As part of the planning for a full return, the school has identified how student and staff contact will be reduced, as much as is reasonably practicable and possible, to include

- grouping students together in 'bubbles' or contact groups by individual year groups;
- allocating year group 'bubbles' or contact groups to designated areas of the school site to avoid contact with other 'bubbles or contact groups'; and
- wherever possible, limiting the number of people students and staff come into contact with during lessons through class group teaching.

Teaching and support staff will be able to operate across different classes and year group 'bubbles or contact groups'. Where staff need to move between classes and 'bubbles'/contact groups, they should socially distance from students and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2m from other adults.

Classroom measures

In line with Welsh Government guidance, class sizes will revert to normality from September. However, through the creation of year group 'bubbles' or contact groups, students are far safer coming into contact with fewer students, and the school will put in place measures to limit the amount of time they are in face-to-face contact with others.

The school will make necessary adaptations to support implementation of the latest health advice. This will include reviewing its arrangements and remodelling these, where appropriate, to ensure safe practices are in place. For example, rooms will be organised to limit students facing each other in favour of students sitting side-by-side and facing forwards. Wherever possible, unnecessary furniture will be removed to maximise space. In line with the latest medical guidance, teaching staff will be expected to remain at the front of the class, wherever possible, and make greater use of classroom technology, such as visualizers to model work. This will support them with maintaining social distance (of 2m) from students. However, it is recognised that this is not possible for students with complex needs.

Equipment and resources are integral to education in schools. For individual and very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, it is recommended that staff and students have their own items that are not shared. Classroom based resources, such as books, can be used and shared within the contact group. These should be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. Resources that are shared between classes or contact groups, such as sports, art and science equipment should be cleaned frequently and meticulously and always between contact groups, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different contact groups.

In line with Welsh Government guidance, students and staff can take books home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided. This is particularly the case where it does not contribute to the education and development of students.

Measures beyond the classroom

Large gatherings, such as whole school assemblies will not take place until a time when Welsh Government and the local authority advice suggests otherwise. These activities will continue to be delivered on a whole-class level.

The school will stagger lunch times to ensure that movement and concentration of people is minimised and prevents overcrowding. The school will also make parents/carers, students and staff aware of social distancing expectations during arrival and collection.

The entrance and exit to the site will continue to be controlled. Visitors, including parents/carers and governors, will be limited to essential only to reduce contact with different groups of people. This will be reviewed on a regular basis, in line with the latest guidance from Welsh Government and the local authority.

The school recognises that some direct or indirect mixing between students in different contact groups (or 'bubbles') is unavoidable. For example, this includes the use of transport, when receiving specialist subject teaching or owing to staffing restraints. However, the school will endeavour to minimise the risk of transmission by implementing a range of cleaning risk controls. Furthermore, some students, for example those with additional learning needs, may require specific help and preparation to introduce these changes to behavioural practice. Relevant staff in school will work with these individuals to support this effectively.

Use of personal, protective equipment (PPE)

The vast majority of staff will not require the use of PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. It is important to remember that 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. Furthermore, hand hygiene is critical before and after all direct contact with students, and after cleaning equipment and the environment. The list below covers when PPE may be required,

a) Routine activities

No PPE is required when undertaking routine educational activities in classroom or school setting.

b) Suspected coronavirus (COVID-19)

- **Gloves, aprons and a fluid-resistant surgical mask** should be worn if a child or young person becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and needs direct personal care;
- **Eye protection** should also be worn if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from coughing, spitting, or vomiting;
- **Gloves and aprons** should be used when cleaning the areas where a person suspected of having coronavirus (COVID-19) has been.

c) Intimate care

- **Gloves and aprons** should be used when providing intimate care to a child or young person. This can include personal, hands-on care such as washing, toileting, or first aid and certain clinical procedures such as assisted feeding;
- **Fluid-resistant surgical mask and eye protection** should also be worn if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes such as from coughing, spitting, or vomiting;
- **Gloves, fluid repellent gown, FFP3 mask and eye protection** are indicated when undertaking aerosol generating procedures such as suction; **Gloves and aprons** should be used when cleaning equipment or surfaces that might be contaminated with body fluids such as saliva or respiratory secretions.

The Chief Medical Officer for Wales has published guidance on face coverings for the purpose of COVID-19. The advice recommends that it is a matter of personal choice to wear face coverings for the purpose of coronavirus (COVID-19) whenever they leave home. However, the guidance is clear that it is not compulsory to wear them. In light of the most recent guidance, PPE (including face coverings) will only be expected, as directed above.

As with the initial phase of increased operations, where a student and/or member of staff wishes to wear a face covering then the school will permit this. No student or member of staff, who may not be able to handle face coverings as directed (eg. those with special educational needs or disabilities), will wear them since it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission.

Management of students/staff with symptoms

Anyone displaying symptoms should stay at home for seven days. Anyone who lives with someone displaying symptoms but remains well should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person became ill. Public Health Wales provides detailed information relating to COVID-19. However, the most common symptoms since the onset of the virus are

- new continuous cough;
- high temperature; and/or
- loss of taste and/or smell.

The present advice is that it is not necessary to screen temperatures. We will therefore not be screening temperatures on entry to school. This is because screening will not identify all cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the means of checking temperature may put staff and students at greater risk of transmission. However, there is an expectation that parents/carers check their child's suitability for attendance at school prior to their departure from home.

Staff at school will be vigilant for changes to students' temperatures and signs of fever. No student with symptoms should be sent to school at all and it is vital that parents/carers are encouraged to act accordingly. Where a student or member of staff begin to show symptoms on site, a designated room will be used as a safe isolation area, where they will remain until they can be safely collected. This allows anyone showing symptoms to have access to separate toilet facilities without creating stigma.

Where there is need for clinical advice, the member of staff or the student's parent/carer should go online to 111 Wales (or call 111 if there is no internet access). In an emergency, 999 should be called in an event where a student or member of staff is taken seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

In the event of a member of staff or student displaying symptoms and accessing the designated room, it will be disinfected, in line with government advice, prior to being used by anyone else. Surfaces that children or staff with symptoms have come in contact with will be carefully cleaned. Guidance sets out that gloves and an apron should be used when cleaning areas where a person suspected of having coronavirus (COVID-19) has been.

Engagement with the Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) Strategy

The school will actively engage with the Test, Trace, Protect strategy and apply the latest guidance. It will ensure that staff, parents/carers and students understand that they will need to be prepared to

- book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and students must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school;
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by Test Trace Protect; and

- self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school will work within the Public Health Wales advice regarding the investigation and management of clusters and outbreaks of coronavirus (COVID-19) in educational settings. This advice outlines the steps to be taken to protect individuals and communities where outbreaks are occurring, as well as reducing spread to other communities. These include

- Identification of cases in possible 'cluster'
- Gathering of minimum information
- Initial cluster management and risk assessment; and
- Declaration of 'outbreak' and management

In line with Public Health Wales guidance, where one person has been identified with a case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school, the regular Test, Trace, Protect contact tracing process should be followed. However, a potential **cluster** is defined as two or more cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) among students and/or staff in the school within 14 days or; an increased rate of absence due to suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). A potential **outbreak** is defined as two or more confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) among students and/or staff who are direct close contacts, proximity contacts or in the same 'bubble' in the school, within 14 days. Confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school will be flagged by the local contact tracing team. However, if a potential cluster or outbreak has been identified by the school or local authority, it will contact the Regional multi-agency Test, Trace, Protect Team as soon as the potential cluster or outbreak has been identified. Regional Test, Trace, Protect teams will work with the Headteacher and local authority to gather a range of information and work with the school to ensure the application of guidance is being applied effectively. A further risk assessment will be undertaken and if an outbreak is not declared the Regional Test, Trace, Protect team will continue to work with the school to manage and review the cluster.

School Operations

Attendance

From September, the vast majority of students will be expected to return to school. However, it is worth noting that

- a small number of students and members of staff may still be unable to attend, in line with Public Health Wales advice, as they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves; or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19);

- the latest advice for those individuals who received a shielding letter from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales comes to an end on 16th August. Subject to a continued decline in the rates of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), they may return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding;
- where there is a rise of the virus in local areas, affected children from that area only, may be required to shield during the period where rates of transmission remain high. As a result, they may temporarily be absent from school;
- some students may no longer be required to shield but, who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional, are likely required to discuss their care needs with their health professional prior to returning to school.

The school is clear that it expects **all other students to attend school** as normal. Students of compulsory school age should attend unless a statutory reason applies. For example, the student is unable to attend because of sickness.

Social distancing

While there will be limited expectation that students will need to social distance within their own 'bubbles' or contact groups, there will be an expectation that they social distance from all adults and other students in different contact groups' until a time when this is deemed unnecessary. At the time of writing, this remains at 2m.

In readiness of increased operations from 29th June, the school took the necessary steps to ensure social distancing arrangements were in place. The school's expectations around social distancing have been developed to help keep students, staff, and their families safe and well.

Social distancing will play a large part in the medium-to-longer term planning at school. As far as is reasonably practicable, the school would expect students to social distance when entering or exiting the school site.

Meetings with families will only take place on a face-to-face basis by prior appointment. This measure is designed to limit the number of people entering the school site to help reduce the risk of transmission.

Transport

School Transport is coordinated and delivered by the local authority. At the time of writing this letter the Local Authority is awaiting further guidance from Welsh Government on school transport. The Local Authority are working closely with colleagues in Neighbourhood services to ensure that there is a full solution in place for September. Further information will follow.

School uniform

During the first phase of increased operations, students and staff were not required to wear uniform. This was to enable students (and staff) to wear something which was comfortable and easily washable after undertaking a range of activities.

From September, the school will revert to its usual uniform expectations. School uniform helps play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets the appropriate tone.

Catering

Catering facilities will be available from the start of the autumn term and provision for food to all students who want it, including for those eligible for free school meals, will be in place. The school will operate a staggered lunch system and will implement the 'Family Lunch' idea where all students will be allocated a seat to enjoy their food. All food will need to be pre-ordered. Information for this can be found on our website.

Cleaning and maintaining the site

The cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance is understood by the relevant staff and will be followed at all times.

The building will be cleaned regularly and at least once a day. Hard surfaces will be cleaned with warm soapy water and then disinfected with the cleaning products normally used. Particular attention will be given to clean 'high-touch' areas and surfaces, which will be cleaned more frequently than normal. This includes canteen facilities and staggered lunch breaks. Our cleaning staff will be expected to maintain social distancing from each other and from teaching/support staff and students at all times.

Tissues will be placed in a separate waste bin and disposed of safely. The school will double-bag waste in line with latest guidance and ensure it is removed daily.

If any waste is suspected of being in contact with someone showing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), it will be placed in a waste bag, held in a secure place for 72 hours then disposed of as other waste is. Our Business Manager will ensure that the cleaning team fully understand the cleaning requirements; and ensure that they have appropriate training, products and equipment available in a timely manner.

A hygiene 'check list' of frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned using designated materials. These include

- Bannisters;
- Classroom desks and tables;
- Toilet facilities;
- Door and window handles;
- Furniture;
- Light switches;
- Reception desks;
- Computer equipment;
- Sports equipment;
- Telephones;

Emergencies, accidents and first aid

Increased operation of the school is supported by appropriate risk assessment, considering appropriate contingencies in case of emergencies. Staff will be fully aware of emergency and evacuation procedures. We are very lucky to have a dedicated Health Care Team in Ysgol Cwm Brombil and these members of staff will oversee all aspects of Health Care and first aid. A qualified first aider will always be present on site. In the event of an accident at school, the same procedures will apply. However, PPE will be available for staff to administer first aid.

Safeguarding

Students will have encountered different experiences and home environments during lockdown and all staff will be reminded of their safeguarding duties within the statutory safeguarding guidance for education settings Keeping Learners Safe and with the Wales Safeguarding Procedures. The procedures for safeguarding children and young people remain the same. In the event of a safeguarding concern, then the usual procedure of contacting the designated senior person, or in their absence, the deputy designated senior person applies

Timeline for phased re-opening prior to full return on 14th September

Date	Year Groups
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff Planning Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Staff Planning Day
Thursday 3 rd September	Year 7 only
Friday 4 th September	Year 7 and 11 only
Monday 7 th September	Year 7, Year 9, Year 11 only
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 7, Year 8 and 11 only
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 only
Thursday 10 th September	Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11
Friday 11 th September	Year 7, Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11

Timings of the school day

The start and finish time of the school day will remain the same as normal. This is largely owing to the volume of students who attend school via local authority provided/public transport. However, there will be staggered lunch. When students enter the school building in the morning they will be directed to a specific area of the school where they will remain with their contact group until 8.30. We will stagger the exit of the pupils at the end of the day to prevent mass overcrowding as students exit the building.

Wellbeing

During the coming months, it is recognised that students are more likely to be anxious as operations are increased. Therefore, to help cope with these additional pressures, a strong emphasis on health and wellbeing will continue to form a significant part of the curriculum to provide the necessary support and guidance. Staff will be alert to identify and support students who exhibit signs of distress. Pastoral care and bereavement support through a range of internal plans are in place. For students requiring more intensive and/or specialist support, the school will coordinate this via external services.

Behaviour expectations

The school will work closely with staff, students and parents/carers to ensure that behaviour expectations are clearly understood, and consistently supported, taking account of individual needs and will also consider how to build new expectations into their rewards system. The pupil Code of Conduct is included at the end of this document and I would urge you to discuss this with your child(ren). Students have to act responsibly to ensure the safety of others. If a student is unable to adhere to the rules and we feel that they are endangering the health of other pupils then Parents / Carers will be phoned to collect the student from the school site.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is expected of my child when school re-opens?

We expect all students to attend school when we re-open. Naturally, some will not be able to attend on medical advice. However, all students who can should attend.

2. Will distance learning still be set if my child does not attend?

Distance learning will be set between 3rd -9th September for those students who will not be invited in as part of the accelerated 'catch up' and/or as part of the specialist resource base. Distance learning will not be provided beyond Monday 14th September.

3. Why do Year 7 and 11 get more contact time compared to other year groups leading up to 14th September?

In line with the Education Minister's announcement on 9th July, schools are able to use the fortnight at the start of the term to prioritise key groups. Given Year 11 have key examinations this year, the school believes this time can be used effectively to accelerate their 'catch up' from missed work. Furthermore additional time for our Year 7 students during this time is designed to support their transition.

4. Will all students and staff be expected to wear PPE?

No. Personal, protective equipment will not be necessary. However, some students and staff may feel more comfortable wearing, for example, a face mask. While we are not providing these as they are not scientifically proven to prevent transmission, we will not prevent people from wearing them. However, we expect those who wear them to do so sensibly and not to share any face mask with another person.

5. How will you keep my child safe if/when they return to school?

As always, we will do everything we can to ensure the safety of your child (and staff). We have undertaken a comprehensive assessment of the risks associated with phased re-opening and coronavirus (COVID-19). We have identified a range of control measures which are designed to lower these risks. However, it does require students, staff and families to work with us to adhere to these.

6. My child receives a free school meal. Will they still be fed when they return?

Parents/carers of students who currently receive a free school meal have been receiving money debited directly into their specified bank accounts. While the local authority continues to do this, the school will not be issuing meals to these students without charge. However, as soon as this scheme ceases, the issuing of free school meals will resume as normal.

7. How will the school ensure my child catches up on the missed learning? How will the school support those students who have not been as engaged with online learning?

As it currently stands, the national curriculum has been suspended. Therefore, schools will be given greater freedom to explore new ideas in readiness for the new curriculum. The Education Minister announced on 9th July that funding will be made available to schools to support accelerated learning for identified groups of students. We are confident our students will be able to make the necessary progress.

8. My child has a special educational need. How will they be supported in September?

For our students with special educational needs, the learning support department will continue to work hard with you to support your child with their learning. Teaching assistants will be deployed as normal in September and be on hand to offer bespoke support. However, should you have a child with an additional learning need and are concerned then please get in touch with the school.

9. What if another child misbehaves and doesn't take the safety of others seriously?

During the first phase of increased operations, all of our students demonstrated a calm, measured and respectful approach to learning. This is one of the main reasons

why it was such a successful period. However, as you will know, in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff, everyone at school needs to take responsibility. We will continue to expect everyone to show mutual respect and empathy to each other in order to keep everyone safe. Where a student has sustained difficulty understanding and/or fails to follow social distancing and personal protective procedures, the health and safety of themselves, fellow students and staff will be compromised. We ask that parents/carers carefully explain the rationale to students so that this doesn't become a concern. However, we cannot risk the safety of students and/or staff.

10. Why will I not be allowed on to the school site?

At the time of writing, the current guidance suggests the school should limit the number of people all members of the community should come into contact with. Therefore, in line with this guidance, we ask that all meetings which are possible are hosted 'virtually'. If this is not possible, then you should contact the main office to make an appointment. However, it will not be possible for families and/or visitors to arrive at the school for a meeting without an appointment.

11. Are all students expected to bring belongings with them, such as pens, books etc. If so, do they keep them on their possession throughout the day?

Students can bring their own pens and equipment with them. They will be responsible for keeping their personal belongings with them. There will be an opportunity for staff to mark exercise books etc. However, in the first instance there will be greater emphasis on verbal feedback and self-assessment to lower the risk of transmission.

12. Will our students be studying the full curriculum on return or will emphasis still be on core subjects?

The school will always support a broad and balanced curriculum. Therefore, we will continue to offer our subjects as normal.

13. Why does the school want to reinstate school uniform?

Guidance from Welsh Government gave flexibility for schools to expect uniform to be worn from the first phase of increased operations from 29th June. At the time we felt it was more important for students and staff to wear something comfortable to undertake a range of activities. However, a school uniform helps play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and sets the appropriate tone. From September, the school will revert to its usual uniform expectations. We ask parents to support us fully with this.

14. Is it ok for my child to wear a face-covering?

Face coverings are not required to be worn, unless on transport. Should the advice from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales and/or Minister for Health and Social Care change, then we will amend this advice accordingly. However, should a child or adult feel comfortable wearing a face-covering then we are happy to support this.

15. My child usually accesses school transport. When can I expect to hear on this?

School transport is coordinated and delivered by the local authority. Over the summer holidays they will provide guidance to families to ensure safety measures are in place.

16. Will lunchtime and after school sports clubs be reintroduced? Will external staff, such as peripatetic music teachers be able to offer session?

Fixtures against other schools is not likely in the near future. Also, contact sports will not be permitted until the science and medical advice indicates it is safe to do so. However, after the initial reintroduction process, our PE staff will seek to offer these where it is possible and safe to do so. Similarly, the school will work with the local authority and providers to offer peripatetic sessions where possible. However, owing to the risks associated with wind and brass instruments, there may need to be a reduced offer available.