



10th March 2021

Important Information

Following the announcement from the Education Minister, we are excited about welcoming our pupils back into school. During the period from Monday 15th March until Friday 26th March, we will be operating a Blended Learning approach to Teaching and Learning for Years 7-10. This means there will be a mixture of face to face lessons in school and remote lessons. Year 11 pupils will have all face to face lessons in school to help them complete their qualifications.

We have tried to plan the return to keep things as familiar as possible for the pupils, so the timetable will be as it was in September (please see the table to remind you of the times for each year group). All remote lessons will remain as 50 minute lessons.

We hope that the following information answers any questions you may have and feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

Please Note:

No person is to attend the school site with any suspected symptoms associated with Covid-19.

If any child wilfully refuses to follow safety rules implemented due to the Covid-19 Pandemic then parents will be contacted to collect them and take them home.

Parents/Carers must inform the school immediately if:

- Anyone in their household is suspected or confirmed to have Covid-19
- Anyone in their household has symptoms –
 - a new continuous cough
 - and/or a high temperature
 - and/or loss of smell/taste

School Rota

The timetable for each year group returning for the two weeks before the Easter break is as follows:

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Year 11

Year 11 will attend school every day and are expected to come into school via the main pupil entrance by 8.30 and will go straight to their form rooms. They will follow their normal timetable and will be in a year group bubble. Pupils will be allocated a seat in the canteen for break and lunch and will be expected to sit in this seat whilst eating their food. Once food is finished, pupils will have access to the outside area by the main pupil entrance.

These are the procedures that were employed when the pupils returned to school in September.

Year 10

Year 10 pupils will attend 3 times per week (**Monday, Tuesday, Friday**) and are expected to come into school via the main pupil entrance by 8.30 and go straight to the Sports Hall. They will then move to their form rooms and follow their normal timetable for the day. Year 10 will be in a year group bubble. Pupils will be allocated a seat in the canteen for break and lunch and will be expected to sit in this seat whilst eating their food. Once food is finished, pupils will have access to the outside area by the main pupil entrance. On the days that the pupils are not in school, online registration and lessons will continue as they have done over recent weeks.

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Year 9

Year 9 pupils will attend 2 times per week (**Wednesday, Thursday**) and are expected to come into school via the 4G entrance by 8.30 and go straight to the main Assembly Hall. They will then move to their form rooms and follow their normal timetable for the day. Year 9 will be in a year group bubble. Pupils will be allocated a seat in the canteen for break and lunch and will be expected to sit in this seat whilst eating their food. Once food is finished, pupils will have access to the outside area by the 4G pitch. On the days that the pupils are not in school, online registration and lessons will continue as they have done over recent weeks.

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Year 8

Year 8 pupils will attend 2 times per week (**Tuesday, Friday**) and are expected to come into school via the main pupil entrance by 8.30 and take their normal seat in the canteen. They will then move to their form rooms and follow their normal timetable for the day. Year 8 will be in a year group bubble. Pupils will be allocated a seat in the canteen for break and lunch and will be expected to sit in this seat whilst eating their food. Once food is finished, pupils will have access to the outside area by the main pupil entrance. On the days that the pupils are not in school, online registration and lessons will continue as they have done over recent weeks.

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Year 7

Year 7 pupils will attend 2 times per week (**Wednesday, Thursday**) and are expected to come into school via the 4G entrance by 8.30 and take their seat in the canteen. They will then move to their form rooms and follow their normal timetable for the day. Year 7 will be in a year group bubble. Pupils will be allocated a seat in the canteen for break and lunch and will be expected to sit in this seat whilst eating their food. Once food is finished, pupils will have access to the outside area by the 4G pitch. On the days that the pupils are not in school, online registration and lessons will continue as they have done over recent weeks.

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All year groups will return full time after the Easter holidays

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The school day will return to the times in the Autumn term they are as follows:

Times of the day	Year 11	Year 9 & 10	Years 7 & 8
Form time 8:30 to 8:55 (25 minutes)			
Lesson 1 (8:55 to 9:55) (60 minutes)			
9:55 to 10:20 (25 minutes)	Lesson 2 (9:55 - 10:55) (60 minutes)	Lesson 2 (10:55 - 10:25) (30 minutes)	Break (9:55 - 10:20) (25minutes)
10:20 to 10:25 (5 minutes)		Break (10:25 - 10:50) (25minutes)	Lesson 2 (10:20 - 11:20) (60 minutes)
10:25 to 10:50 (25 minutes)		Lesson 2 continued (10:50 - 11:20) (30 minutes)	
10:50 to 10:55 (5 minutes)			
10:55 to 11:20 (25 minutes)	Break (10:55 - 11:20) (25minutes)		
Lesson 3 (11:20 to 12:20) (60 minutes)			
12:20 to 12:45 (25 minutes)	Lesson 4 (12:20 - 13:20) (60 minutes)	Lesson 4 (12:20 - 12:50) (30 minutes)	Lunch (12:20 - 12:45) (25minutes)
12:45 to 12:50 (5 minutes)		Lunch (12:50 - 13:15) (25minutes)	Lesson 4 (12:45 - 13:45) (60 minutes)
12:50 to 13:15 (25 minutes)		Lesson 4 continued (13:15 - 13:45) (30 minutes)	
13:15 to 13:20 (5 minutes)			
13:20 to 13:45 (25 minutes)	Lunch (13:20 - 13:45) (25minutes)		
Lesson 5 (13:45 to 14:45) (60 minutes) (Y7/8 dismissed from 14:40)			
14:45 to 15:00	A	Dismiss (Year 11 14:55)	Dismiss (Year 9 14:45) (Year 10 14:50)
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Self-Isolation

We cannot forget that we are still in the midst of a Pandemic and there will be a need for some pupils to self-isolate.

Once teachers are in school carrying out face to face teaching, we will revert to the system that was in operation for much of the Autumn term where teachers would upload the lesson content onto teams. In this way, pupils can access the lesson content if they have to self-isolate.

In the event that there is a positive case within school, we will again follow the procedures that were in place during the Autumn term where whole year groups will be isolated for a short time (probably 48 hours). This time gives us chance to look in detail at the potential contacts. Any pupils who are deemed as contacts will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days (from the last time of contact with the positive case), other pupils will be invited back into school. We will liaise with TTP throughout this process.

School Uniform

We appreciate that the pupils have been out of school for a considerable time and that they have not had to wear their school uniform, however we would like to bring the pupils back to as much normality as possible. We would ask that pupils return to school wearing their uniform, however if there are issues that prevent this, we will work with you to support as much as we can up until the Easter holidays.

Equipment

Pupils will need to bring the relevant books, pens, pencils etc into school.

Hygiene

All pupils and staff will be expected to follow guidance around hand washing. We must all wash our hands and sanitise them before leaving home and on entry to school as well as regularly during the school day.

Safety and Face coverings

All pupils and staff will obey the social distancing rules at all times and will be expected to follow the one-way system within the building. Welsh Government guidance states

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that pupils, staff and visitors should wear face coverings on the school premises at all times. This would include classrooms but pupils can obviously remove their masks to eat their food. We do understand that some pupils are exempt and would urge you to contact the relevant Head of Year to ensure we are aware of any such issues.

We have updated our Risk Assessment in light of the new guidance from Welsh Government and this is available on our school website.

Lateral Flow Testing

We are anticipating that pupils in Years 10 and 11 will be offered Lateral Flow Tests to administer at home. This is an optional process where pupils can test themselves twice per week. If the test shows up as positive, the pupils and household must self-isolate and a PCR test must be booked to confirm any diagnosis. More information will follow over the coming week.

Catering and Break arrangements

The catering facilities will be open as normal.

Provision for Key Workers

Children of critical workers who have been accessing the Hub since January can still attend. It is important that we know in advance so please complete the relevant form to book a place.

If you have any concerns regarding your child returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can offer our full support.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher



Please download the ClassCharts app (for free) on Google Play or Apple Store.

If you are unsure of your access code, please contact the school.

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