



15th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Having just completed our first week of reopening, I thought it appropriate to update you on current matters.

It has been a relief to finally welcome all of our pupils back into school and most have returned to school with confidence and happiness. All staff are on hand to support pupils who are feeling anxious and our aim is to work with all pupils to ensure they transition back into school life as quickly as possible.

Having spoken to a number of pupils, the thing that they and other members of the community are hoping for is a return to normality as quickly as possible. We all understand the role we have to play in keeping the transmission rates as low as possible in the community and this is vital if we are to avoid another period of lockdown. As the nicer weather draws in, I would ask for your support in ensuring your children follow the rules in terms of mixing within the community outside school, maintaining social distancing, following government guidelines as the lockdown is gradually eased.

As a school, we pride ourselves on high expectations and high standards. We all have a lot of work to do to ensure we make up for lost time but it is important that we do this together.

I am asking for your support in ensuring that your children return to school on Monday in the correct uniform. We have been in contact with a number of families to talk through any potential issues and will support where we can.

The expectations with regard uniform are:

- Pupils should be wearing full uniform – including a blazer to school on the days that they do not have PE. No hoodies will be allowed in school on non-PE days.
- On the days that pupils have PE, they must wear their PE kit, however we will allow them to wear joggers and a top over their kit to keep them warm on the way to school and the way home from school. They must wear PE kit however. We are happy for black leggings to be worn for PE rather than the branded leggings for the rest of this term.
- Pupils should not be wearing any items of jewellery.
- No jeans are allowed in school

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If you have any queries as to the uniform that pupils are expected to wear, you will find information on our website –

<https://ysgolcwmbrombil.npted.org/uniform.html>

If pupils fail to wear the correct uniform to school, without a valid reason, parents will be contacted to bring uniform to school or pupils may be asked to go home to change into the correct uniform.

I hope that you will support us in maintaining our high standards. We do not want our pupils missing any more learning due to issues with uniform. If there are any issues with regard any items of uniform, we would be happy to work with you so please contact the school. Our Pastoral team have already made contact with a number of families to support where necessary.

Update on LFD Testing

We have been waiting for the testing kits to arrive in school and are now in a position where we will be able to offer these tests to pupils in Year 10 and 11. The relevant information will be sent to parents on Monday and parents will need to give consent for their children to undergo the testing. Once we have the consent, we will issue kits to the child and the testing will be carried out at home twice per week. The result of the test has to be logged onto a National database and if there is a positive result, the household would isolate whilst a PCR test is booked in the local testing centres. I will make sure that detailed information comes out to parents on Monday. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Warmest regards

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