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Dear parent / guardian

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school from Monday 15th March. You will already be aware of the return dates for different year groups, but these are listed below again as a reminder.

Return Dates

- **Year 10 - Year 13:**
To return to school full time for full days from **Monday 15th March**
- **Year 9:**
To have the opportunity to check in with school on **Friday 19th March and Wednesday 24th March** (8.30am - 1.20pm)
- **Year 8:**
To have the opportunity to check in with school on **Monday 22nd March and Thursday 25th March** (8.30am - 1.20pm)
- **Year 7:**
To have the opportunity to check in with school on **Tuesday 23rd March and Friday 26th March** (8.30am - 1.20pm)

All pupils are to be on site by 8.25am and are to line up in their designated year group areas in their form classes. Form teachers and HOY will meet the pupils in these areas and then escort them to registration.

For Y10 - Y13 there will be an extended registration period on Monday 15th March, with lessons resuming as normal after break from period 3. Collaboration lessons with Caerleon for the sixth form will also resume from period 3.

Catering

For the fortnight beginning Monday 15th March there will be no catering facilities at the school.

This will mean that pupils in Y10 - Y13 will need to bring their own food and drink with them to school for break and lunch. Pupils will not be allowed off site at lunchtime.

Pupils in Y7-Y9 will also need to bring in their own food and drink for break, but their school day will finish after period 4 (1.20pm) so that they go home for lunch and period 5 on the days that they are in.

Timings of the School Day

For the fortnight beginning Monday 15th March, the timings of the school day will revert back to pre-covid timings as follows:

Registration	8.40am-9.00am
Period 1	9.00am - 10.00am
Period 2	10.00am - 11.00am

Break	11.00am - 11.20am
Period 3	11.20am - 12.20pm
Period 4	12.20pm - 1.20pm
Lunch	1.20pm - 2.00pm (Pupils in Y7-Y9 to leave site at 1.20pm)
Period 5	2.00pm - 3.00pm

With reduced numbers of pupils on site from Monday 15th March, we can operate without the requirement for staggering breaks and lunches or entrance and exit times.

However, when we are able to return back to school full time for all year groups, the times of the day will need to be adjusted slightly in order to support staggered times for year groups so that year groups are able to stay separate and numbers of pupils in different areas of the school at any one time are managed.

Uniform

When pupils are back to school, they will be expected to be in full uniform and fully equipped for lessons. It is understood though that it may be the case that some pupils will have grown out of uniform that fitted perfectly well last term. If this is the case and there are families who require support in replacing uniform items, please contact the school so that we can work together to try to resolve this matter.

H&S Measures

As previously, we will need to continue to operate on school site with adherence to a range of covid safe measures. These measures remain in place to try to mitigate the risk of transmission and include:

- Separate outside year group areas
- Separate entrances and exits
- Staggered exits from classrooms at the end of lessons
- Increased ventilation in classrooms
- Sanitising stations in all classrooms
- Increased cleaning routines across the school
- Re-organisation of classrooms to support pupils to be socially distanced from staff
- All desks facing the front of the classroom
- One way systems in place in smaller communal areas such as the atrium bridges
- Restrictions on visitors to the school
- Closure of school reception area

Masks

As you will know from last term, all staff and pupils are expected to wear face masks in the indoor communal areas of the school and this expectation will continue. So, when the pupils return to school they will need to have their own face mask with them.

Additionally, we will be encouraging pupils to wear their face masks whilst in the classroom too. Welsh Government's advice is that where social distancing cannot be maintained, masks should be worn. Please relay this to your children so that they are prepared when staff encourage them to do so.

It is also advisable that pupils wear their face masks on the way to and from school as well as maintaining the advised social distance from each other.

Vulnerable Learner and Key Worker Provision

If your child has been accessing provision at the school over the period of lockdown, this provision will continue as normal over the fortnight beginning Monday 15th March, but will end once all year groups are back to school full time.

Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)

On the return to school, pupils in Year 10 and above will receive training regarding the purpose and administration of the lateral flow tests.

These are tests that, subject to consent for those under sixteen, can be used to detect the virus in asymptomatic people.

Engagement with the testing programme is optional and full details concerning how to take the test, record results and the follow up required if a test result is positive will be shared with all pupils in the extended pastoral session on Monday 15th March.

If you or your child would like to know more, please take a look at our dedicated LFT school based website. Link below:
<https://sites.google.com/llanwernhigh.org/llanwern-high-school/home>

Positive Covid Cases

We are very hopeful that we will not have to respond to a positive Covid-19 case at the school. However, we still need to prepare for this eventuality. In order to try to minimise disruption if there is a positive pupil case at the school, we have revised our approach as follows:

- When we get notification of a positive case, after contacting parents/carers, we will send all pupils in that year group home
- As soon as pupils have left, we will start a track and trace system by checking which lesson(s) the pupil who has tested positive has attended
- Any pupils who were in close contact will need to self-isolate for 10 days (we will contact families to inform them of this)
- Pupils who were not in close contact will be able to return to school the following day (we will contact families to inform them of this)

I understand that this is a lot of information to digest, but I was keen to ensure that all of the detail required ahead of reopening came to you in one communication. However, if there are any further queries, questions or issues please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



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