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Dear, Learners, Parents and Guardians

Welcome back. We are looking forward to a new year as Tîm Llan. In addition to that which was shared with you before the summer (see letter to parents – July 17,2020 on our school website), we would like to further share the additional information as we prepare to open to all learners. Bridgend County have produced FAQs (answers to common questions) and this information will be posted on our website along with this letter.

Attendance

It is our expectation that **ALL** learners return to school this term. We are looking forward to seeing them and it is important for many reasons that learners attend. Naturally, you may have concerns regarding sending your child back to school; we shall do our very best to mitigate against the potential transmission of Covid-19 in school but we cannot guarantee a risk-free environment.

We would like to remind you of the following guidelines, whereby no learner or staff member should attend school if they:

- feel unwell with any of the identified COVID-19 symptoms. They should remain at home and self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test immediately;
- have tested positive for COVID-19;
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for COVID-19

If a learner or member of staff applies for a Covid-19 test, please inform the school immediately as part of the Track and Trace process.

Returning to School

Day	Date	Returning	Distance Learning
Tuesday	01.09.2020	Preparation Day	
Wednesday	02.09.2020	Preparation Day	
Thursday	03.09.2020	Staff Training Day	
Friday	04.09.2020	Yr.7, 12 and 13 only	Yr. 8, 9, 10, 11
Monday	07.09.2020	Yr.7, 11. 12 and 13 only	Yr. 8, 9, 10
Tuesday	08.09.2020	Yr. 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 only	Yr. 9, 10
Wednesday	09.09.2020	Yr.7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 only	Yr. 9
Thursday	10.09.2020	Everyone	None
Friday	11.09.2020	Everyone	None

As learners arrive at the school a member of staff will welcome them and take them to the relevant room. May we remind those learners who walk to school that they should not arrive on site before 8.40. If you bring your child to school we ask that you use the bottom lane of the car park (and again no arrival prior to 8.40).

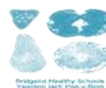
Social Distancing and Contact Groups

The different key stages will be taught in designated areas around the school.

KS3

- Welsh/Science/Expressive Arts Rooms
- Welsh corridor toilets
- During break and lunch – Yr. 7 Astro; Yr. 8 Main Yard; Yr. 9 Bottom Yard

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KS4

- Humanities and Technology Rooms
- Changing Room toilets
- During break and lunch – Yr. 10 Astro; Yr. 11 Main Yard

KS5

- Mathematics/English Rooms
- 6th form toilets
- Year 12 and 13 students will not be allowed to leave the site during the day

Daily Timetable

KS3	
8:40 – 9:30	Lesson 1
9:30 – 10:20	Lesson 2
10:20 – 10:40	Tutor Session
10:40 – 10:55	Break
10:55 – 11:45	Lesson 3
11:45 – 12:35	Lesson 4
12:35 – 13:25	Lesson 5
13:25 – 14:10	Lunch
14:10 – 15:05	Lesson 6
15.05	Led to buses

KS4-5	
8:40 – 9:30	Lesson 1
9:30 – 10:20	Lesson 2
10:20 – 10:35	Break
10:35 – 10:55	Tutor Session
10:55 – 11:45	Lesson 3
11:45 – 12:35	Lesson 4
12:35 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:05	Lesson 5
14:05 – 14:55	Lesson 6
14.55	Led to buses

School Uniform

Every learner is expected to wear school uniform as it is easy to wash and celebrates the ethos and identity of the school as we reopen. You are reminded of the school policy (details to be found here <https://www.ygllangynwyd.cymru/en/gwisg-ysgol/>).

PE Kit

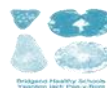
On those days when learners have PE on their timetable, we ask that they come into school already dressed in their official PE kit. We ask that they bring their school uniform with them to change into following a lesson in wet weather.

Facemasks

The county recommends that learners of secondary school age (11 and above) wear a facemask on school transport, and the local authority will supply these if necessary. Individual schools will keep a supply of masks which can be given to learners when needed. We do not advise that learners wear a face covering if they have a medical condition or additional learning needs but they may do so if they wish.

Following the recent announcement from the Welsh Government, as a school we have decided to allow learners and staff to wear suitable facemasks in public areas of the building. We do not expect these to be worn in classrooms or on the yard.

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In removing and replacing facemasks during the day learners are expected to bring in a clean plastic bag in order to keep the facemask safe in their bags, or else dispose of them in the bins available on site.

Catering

There will be the usual choice of hot and cold food available at break times to purchase from the canteen. At lunchtime there will be a revised menu with a limited choice:

- There will be 2 choices only of hot food (these will only be available as part of the Meal Deal)
- There will be a wider choice of cold food available to learners
- There will not be any hot drinks available at this time
- Learners are encouraged to bring in a packed lunch where able

You must ensure that enough money has been uploaded in advance (see Parent Pay on our school website). The biometric machine will **not** be available for learners to upload cash in school. Year 7 learners will receive a registration form to use our biometric system on Friday 04.09.2020. You will need to return this form on Monday 07.09.2020. Whilst the county is processing these applications your child will still be able to access school meals which will be charged for payment at a later date.

Visitors to School

In order to regulate the number of people on site at any given time, you will have to make an appointment in advance if you want to meet with a member of staff.

Hygiene

Hand sanitisers are situated in every classroom and at every entrance. Learners and staff are expected to use these regularly as they move around the site. Learners will be responsible for cleaning their own work areas. We appreciate your support in reminding your children about the importance of social distancing and keeping to the hygiene regulations.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and we look forward to another successful year at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

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