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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the end of what has been an extremely busy year, I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation.

On receipt of the latest national guidelines on Friday 09.07.21, we would like to share our plans as we prepare for September 2021.

With an additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the academic year 2021-22 has been reduced from 195 days to 194 days. The Welsh Government and BCBC have decided that schools will take this statutory bank holiday in September 2021. Therefore, I would like to inform you of the following arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

Return Arrangements

Day	Date	Return to School	Distance Learning
Thursday	02.09.2021	Statutory Bank Holiday	
Friday	03.09.2021	Teacher Training Day (INSET)	
Monday	06.09.2021	Yr. 7 & Yr. 12	Yr. 8, Yr. 9, Yr. 10, Yr. 11 & Yr. 13
Tuesday	07.09.2021	All learners	

Monday 06.09.2021 will be a Wellbeing Day, giving new learners the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school and understand the health and safety systems in place. Wellbeing activities will be provided for all learners, with virtual sessions for years 8 - 11 and year 13.

When learners arrive at the school a member of staff will welcome them and direct them to the appropriate rooms.

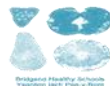
Learners who walk to school are reminded not to arrive on site before **8.40am** and if you are transporting your child to school, please use the bottom lane of the car park (**and not to arrive before 8.40am**).

Social Distance and Contact Bubbles

In line with national guidelines, the arrangements currently in place for September are as follows (these may change according to national changes):

- Staff will maintain a distance of 2 metres between themselves and the learners where possible
- It will not be compulsory to wear a mask in lessons or in public places

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- Learners will need to continue to wear masks on the school bus
- We will continue to operate separate toilets for each key stage
- We will continue to keep the separate areas in the canteen and hall for break and lunch times
- Classes will be set so that learners sit side by side (not facing each other) - in lessons and in the hall
- It is intended to implement a hybrid system for collaborative courses in the 6th form
- Yr.12 and 13 students will not be allowed to leave the site unless they leave after lesson 4 and do not have lessons in the afternoon
- If someone shows symptoms during the school day, parents must be available to collect their child immediately

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 – 13:20	Lunch*
13:20 – 14:10	Lesson 5
14:10 – 15:00	Lesson 6
15:00	End of the Day

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 – 13:20	Lunch*
13:20 – 14:10	Lesson 5
14:10 – 15:00	Lesson 6
15:00	End of the Day

*12:35 – 12:55	Canteen Access Yr. 7 / Yr. 10 / Yr. 11
*13:00 – 13:20	Canteen Access Yr. 8 / Yr. 9 / KS5

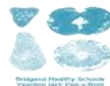
School uniform

All learners are expected to wear school uniform in order to maintain the expected standards and to celebrate the ethos and identity of the school. You are reminded of the school policy (<https://www.ygglangynwyd.cymru/gwisg-ysgol/>).

Can you take specific note of the following:

- No jewellery at KS3 and KS4 including earrings / nose jewellery of any kind
- No make-up (including nails / acrylics)
- No unnatural hair colour and must be sensible in style
- No tight trousers / leggings
- No short skirts
- Leather shoes (no trainers / boots)

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PE uniform

On days when learners have a PE lesson, they must come to school in official PE uniform – only the official school hoodies are permitted. In the event of inclement weather learners may bring their school uniform to change following the lesson.

Food / Drink

A choice of cold and warm food will be available at break and lunch as usual to purchase from the canteen.

As before, money will need to be pre-loaded (see Parent Pay on the school website), as there will be no cash machine available to input cash.

LFT Tests

No clear guidelines have yet been shared with us as schools with regard to the distribution of tests with learners. If the guidelines continue as this term, the school will notify you in the new school year.

Visitors to the School

In order to manage the number of people on site at one time, an appointment must be made in advance to meet a member of staff. All visitors to the school are expected to wear a mask.

Hygiene

Disinfection stations are located in every teaching room and at each entrance. Learners and staff are expected to use them regularly when moving around the site. Learners will continue to have a responsibility to clean up their work areas. We appreciate your support in reminding your children of the importance of maintaining social distance and adhering to hygiene regulations.

Gwynllyw Partnership

As you know, I've been dividing my time between Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd and supporting Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw in Pontypool since October 2020. This work will continue at the beginning of the academic year following the appointment of a new Headteacher at Gwynllyw. When this work ends, I shall be returning full time to Llangynwyd.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team of staff and our learners for all their work throughout this unprecedented year. Best wishes to those staff who are leaving us this year and embarking on a new challenge.

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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Mr Meurig Jones
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