

26 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we prepare to reopen the school on Monday I wanted to update you with some final pieces of information.

School video

You should have received a link to our school video yesterday. This shows you the entry points for each year group at the start of the day as well as all the social distancing and hygiene measures we have put in place. We would ask that you remind your child that the 2 metre social distancing must be maintained at all times when they are in school.

Tutor Rooms

Students will be based in one room for the day, with their form tutor. This will not be their normal form room and details are listed at the end of the letter.

Phone calls home

You should have received a call from the school this week asking you to confirm whether your sons or daughters will be attending school on their allocated days. If we haven't been able to get through to you then there will be a follow up text or email from the school. Can we please ask that you respond to that so that we have accurate information for next week.

Lunches for Students

Having received further guidance from the Local Authority since we wrote to you last week, we are now **unable to provide lunches** for students attending the 'Check In, Catch Up, Prepare' days. All students will need sufficient food and water each day they are on site as we can not provide them in school.

Uniform

As mentioned last week, students are not required to wear school uniform for their time with us between June 29th and the end of term. Students should dress appropriately whilst in school, including suitable foot wear (not flip flops) and covered shoulders please (e.g. no vests or crop tops). Welsh Government guidance stresses that clothing should be easily washable at the end of each day and can we ask students not to wear unnecessary layers of clothing, as appropriate.

Students do not need to bring any equipment (pens, pencils etc.) into school as they will be provided with their own personal pencil case and equipment.

Face Masks

A few parents have asked about whether their child needs to wear face masks when they return to school. The guidance we have received for our risk assessment states that *'the Chief Medical Officer has been clear that there is no evidence to support the widespread wearing of non-medical face coverings in the community. Non-medical face coverings are recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained.*

They are not a replacement for far more effective measures such as social distancing and hand hygiene.'

The Minister for Health and Social care made a [Statement on 9 June 2020](#) setting out the latest advice.

I am aware, however, that in spite of this advice some of you may feel more confident if we allowed them to be worn in school and under those circumstances we are happy to support you. If this is the case we will be providing clear guidelines as to how they need to be worn with safety in mind when students arrive at the school.

Google Classroom/Learning Grids

Our staff will continue to set work using the learning grids and Google Classroom until the end of term. As staff will be onsite some days there is likely to be a longer response time should a student at home ask a question of a member of staff.

Mobile phones

Our school policy on mobile phones remains the same. They should be switched off and kept in bags throughout the school day as normal.

GCSE and AS/A Level Results Days

The dates set for results to be released to students remain the same:

- AS/A2/BTec results day is **Thursday, August 13th.**
- GCSE (year 11 and 10 for English Literature) results day is **Thursday, August 20th.**

We are currently awaiting guidance from the exam boards as to how the release of results to students can happen this year in light of the current situation. Any results collection will have to be managed in line with social distancing regulations that will be in force in August. We hope to be able to update you with clear plans in the next couple of weeks, once we have received the necessary guidance.

Final checks before you send your child to school

To be clear, under no circumstances should learners attend school if they:

- feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 7 days
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days

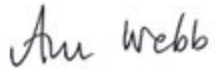
Please make sure that you follow Public Health Wales guidelines if anyone in the family home falls into these categories

If your child is unwell and is not able to attend school on the days/sessions allocated, it is vital that you phone or email our attendance officer, Ms Power on v.power@johnbright.uk /01492 864228.

Thank you for your support during this next phase of education. At the moment we are still waiting for further guidance from the Welsh Government on what the proposals are going to be for school in September. Much will depend on advice around social distancing measures as they are currently very restrictive on the numbers of students we can have in school at one time and how they are able to move around the building. Likewise Qualifications Wales and the examination boards are looking at what adjustments are going to be made to GCSE and A level courses and examinations next year. We are expecting further clarity before we break up for the summer so I will update you when we know of any further developments in these areas as I know they are causing significant concern.

I look forward to welcoming many students back into school next week; we've missed them and are really looking forward to seeing them again.

Yours faithfully



Ann Webb
Headteacher

Form group	7 DRW	7 HBR	7 RWJ	7 AJL	7 DW	7 SMG	7 GSM	7 MJA
Form room	DF1	DF2	DF3	DF4	DF10	DF11	DF12	DF13

Form group	8 FEC	8 DMW	8 VG	8 LJ	8 LAC	8 TRS	8 REC	8 APP
Form room	BF1	BF2	BF5	BF6	BF9	BF10	BF11	BF12

Form group	9 ELE	9 KLH	9 LG	9 HED	9 KB	9 REB	9 RS	9 HGW	9 ERB
Form room	BG17	BG18	BG23	BG22	BS17	BS19	BS24	BS14	BS5

Form group	10 DMS	10 JW	10 SK	10 DDB	10 GB	10 LB	10 PB	10 TC
Form room	BF1	BF2	BF5	BF6	BF9	BF10	BF11	BF12

Form group	12 NLL	12 ADH	12 HAB	12 NF	12 LR
Form room	DF1	DF2	DF3	DF4	DF10