



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### How will you ensure that students adhere to social distancing measures?

All students will be given a formal induction at the start of their day. We have clear signage and markers to show children how to keep their distance. We are introducing a one-way system in the school. Classrooms have been altered to ensure desks are the correct distance apart. We have installed hand sanitizers and have regular routines for hand washing.

### Will my child need to wear uniform?

No. We appreciate that many children have grown during lockdown so we are expecting children to attend in clean, comfortable and easily washable clothes. We advise that clothing worn in school should be washed when children come home. Young people should have clothes warm enough for outside wear.



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### Where will my child be based during the day?

All students will be allocated to a zoned area and they will remain in this zone for the day. Each zone will have its own entrance point. Only students and staff in that zone will use them. Within the zone students will be allocated to a single classroom and all their teaching will happen in that classroom. Every classroom has been arranged to support social distancing having been deep cleaned and will be deep cleaned at the end of every day when the students leave. There is a hand sanitisation station in every classroom.

### Who will teach my child?

Your child will spend the day with their form tutor, whom they already know and are comfortable with. There will also be a second member of staff with the class to support as needed.

### When will the school day begin?

Students will be given a staggered arrival time between 9.00am and 10.30am. Students will arrive in 30 minute slots. This then leads to staggered break and lunch times to ensure social distancing can happen.

### Where will my child go at the start of the school day?

There will be 3 separate entrance points at E block, C block and B block. You will be told, in advance, which entrance your child should use. Children of key workers should continue to enter through the leisure centre. We will be sharing a video with you showing car drop off and entry procedures.

### What equipment will my child need?

We will provide equipment for students to use in school that will be solely for their use. It is advised that as little is brought in as possible to stop any cross contamination between home and school. Books will not be used.

### Will my child need a break?

All students will have two 20 minute breaks and a lunch break which they will be able to spend outside (weather dependent).

### What will happen at lunchtimes?

Students will have their lunch in the teaching base but will be able to spend time outside (subject to weather conditions) following social distancing rules. We strongly encourage students to bring a packed lunch into school, although there will be the option to purchase a 'grab and go' bag from Sodexo. Students must bring enough water with them for the day.

### Will students eligible for free school meals receive a free lunch?

No; the guidance we have received states that children entitled to a free school meal must provide their own lunch from home because direct payments have been provided for these families.

### What will happen at the end of the day?

Students will be walked back to the same entry/exit as they used in the morning, following social distancing rules. If you are collecting your child by car, please park in the overspill car park, an appropriate distance from other cars.

### Will I be able to come into school as a parent?

Parents will not be able to attend school or come into the building. Meetings will take place over the phone. Parents must observe strict social distancing when dropping their children off at school.

### **How will my child get to school?**

Where possible parents and carers should bring their children to and from school ideally on foot, car, bike, scooter or any other means of active travel. Social distancing should be maintained on the journey to and from school.

### **Will school transport operate as usual?**

No. School transport capacity will be significantly reduced during this period, and will need to allow for social distancing requirements. School transport will be given to those who are entitled to free transport from the local authority, are classed as a key worker child or a vulnerable learner, and are unable to attend school without it. Due to capacity issues it may be that not every entitled child will be able to access this provision.

### **Will my child be with his/her friends?**

Form tutors have split the form classes into 3 groups. This ensures your child's provision is with his/her form tutor. As classes have been split it may be possible that your child is not with his/her friends, but form tutors will have considered friendship groups when separating the forms into groups.

### **Will siblings be attending school on the same day?**

We have, where possible, tried to allocate siblings on the same day, but this has not been possible in all cases.

### **Can my child bring a mobile phone into school?**

There will be no changes to our policy on mobile phones.

### **Does my child still have to do work at home?**

Yes. We will continue to set work on the learning grids and support children through google classroom during this period.

### **Will my child require personal protective equipment to attend school?**

It is important to remember that physical distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene (catching a cough or sneeze in a tissue or covering the mouth and nose with an elbow or sleeve) remain strongly evidenced to be the most effective ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Hand hygiene is critical before and after all direct contact with a child or young person, and after cleaning equipment and the environment. There is therefore no need to use personal protective equipment (PPE) when undertaking routine educational activities in classroom/school settings.

### **What will happen if my child falls ill during the school day?**

The school will make contact with home and parents/carers will be expected to collect their child. If a child requires first aid during the school day they will be looked after by a qualified member of staff, wearing PPE.

### **What should I do if my child has received a shielding letter?**

The child should not attend school.

### **What should I do if my child lives with a member of the family who has received a shielding letter, has a medical condition or lives with someone with a medical condition?**

Your child can attend school but it is crucial that you discuss the matter with the school in order for them to consider measures to mitigate risk.

### **If I decide not to send my child to school, will I be penalised or fined?**

Parents/guardians will not be fined or penalised for not sending their child to school during the final four weeks of term. It is possible that some families are shielding and others may not be ready to return to school. Children are invited to return to school on a part-time basis should parents wish to take that up. We respect the decision of each individual family during the period from 29 June to 24 July.

### **When will you need to know if I'm sending my child to school?**

We will be contacting families next week (June 25th onward) to ask if you are sending your child in on the days invited. You can change your mind after this call, but you will need to let us know in advance due to our safeguarding procedures.

### **What is happening in September?**

The truth is that we are unsure at the moment as we are awaiting further guidance. Indications given by the Welsh Government is that we have to prepare all of our learners for a 'new normal' as it is more than likely that in September we will be in a position where we will have a school system which includes some face to face teaching complemented by elements of distance learning and blended learning. We will share information with you as soon as we have it, though this is likely to be towards the end of this term, if not later into the summer break.