

17 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement last night from Conwy Local Authority that schools will move to remote learning from Monday 20th December until December 22nd, we have included some information below that will help support you and your child with this.

### Google Classroom

We will continue to support their learning through our online learning platform, Google Classroom. As you may know from previous communications, for every subject that your child takes in school, there is a Google Classroom that links to it. Google Classroom is familiar to all of our students and many of them accessed their learning this way during previous periods of home learning. Work is set on here and the students can also hand in work to their teacher this way. Google Classroom is also where students will be able to access the lessons which are live streamed through video. **We will share your child's classroom codes with you today.**

### Timetable of lessons

It is important that our students continue to follow their school timetable, logging in to the Google Classroom that relates to the lesson on their timetable. **We will share a copy of your child's personal timetable with you today.** Your child has been provided with a copy of the school day times this morning but for your information they are as follows:

8:50	Form Time
9:00	Period 1
9:50	Rest
10:00	Period 2
10:50	Break
11:15	Period 3
12:05	Lunch
13:00	Period 4
13:50	Rest
14:00	Period 5
14:50	End of the day

### Lesson delivery

Lessons will be taught in a variety of formats, including live streaming video lessons, guided learning lessons through Google classroom and the use of pre-recorded videos to teach the subject content. The teacher will therefore be present during the timetabled lesson to respond to any questions that your child may have about their work; this could be via the chat function in a Google Meet or using the Google Classroom comments section.

## **External Exams In January, including Year 10 students studying GCSE English Literature - Tuesday 11th January**

At this stage there are no plans to cancel these exams and the expectation is that students will be sitting these exams under normal exam conditions in the hall, however if there are any changes to these arrangements then I will make sure you are kept updated. English teachers have set revision tasks on google classroom for students to access prior to the exam.

### **Key worker and vulnerable learner provision**

The school will remain open to children of critical workers and to vulnerable learners. Please contact the relevant behaviour and wellbeing manager today if you require this provision as you have been unable to make alternative arrangements.

Year 7 and 8	Mr Sean Eardley	<a href="mailto:s.eardley@johnbright.uk">s.eardley@johnbright.uk</a>
Year 9,10 and 11	Mrs A Eardley	<a href="mailto:a.eardley@johnbright.uk">a.eardley@johnbright.uk</a>
Year 9,10 and 11	Mrs L Davies	<a href="mailto:l.davies@johnbright.uk">l.davies@johnbright.uk</a>

A packed school meal will be available as usual for these learners. If you are currently working from home we kindly ask you to refrain from sending your children into the key worker provision to ensure we can support those in need.

### **Further support**

If you require further information about supporting your child's learning whilst they are at home, please contact their director of learning.

- Year 7 - Mrs Gemma Edlington ([g.edlington@johnbright.uk](mailto:g.edlington@johnbright.uk))
- Year 8 - Miss Maria Stafford ([m.stafford@johnbright.uk](mailto:m.stafford@johnbright.uk))
- Year 9 - Mr Tomos Smee ([t.smee@johnbright.uk](mailto:t.smee@johnbright.uk))
- Year 10- Mrs Naomi Whitham ([n.whitham@johnbright.uk](mailto:n.whitham@johnbright.uk))
- Year 11 Miss Julie McCabe Wedlock ([j.wedlock@johnbright.uk](mailto:j.wedlock@johnbright.uk))
- Years 12 and 13 - Mrs Ceri Huws ([c.huws@johnbright.uk](mailto:c.huws@johnbright.uk))

### **Returning to school**

**Students will be returning to school on Monday 10th January as published.** The Welsh Government has provided schools with two planning days to allow schools time to assess local circumstances and staffing capacity in order to put mitigations in place if needed. We are therefore reallocating our two training days on the 6th and 7th January to the 18th and 19th July. This will mean that **students will finish for the summer break on Friday 15th July 2022. This is a change to the published date.**

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

Welsh Government is expecting staff and students to take 3 lateral flow tests a week before returning to school (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and then to continue testing regularly **three** times a week after the start of term in January. We will make sure that students are provided with the necessary testing equipment in school. It will continue to be important that no one with Covid 19 symptoms attends school at the start of term and they should book a PCR test.

### **On a final note...**

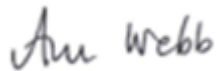
I never expected to be in a situation where almost 2 years from the first lockdown we were still having to put mitigations in place in school to meet the challenges of Covid 19 and I was genuinely hoping this would be a Christmas without many restrictions. Sadly, this has not proved to be the case. However my priorities are to not only ensure we continue to educate our young people but also that the health and well being of our community is equally considered. I think the chance to

safely celebrate with families and friends during this festive period is enormously important to everyone this year in particular so I genuinely wish you all the best for Christmas and New Year.

Please keep your eye on communications from the school during this festive break. We are in a rapidly changing situation and I would always want to communicate to you in the most timely way, which may be over the Christmas break.

Please be assured that we will continue our best to support our young people going forward regardless of any changing circumstances. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Webb".

**Ann Webb**  
**Headteacher/Pennaeth**