



Dear Parent/ Carer

I'm writing to you just over a year after the first school lockdown had been announced. I'm not sure any of us could have anticipated the challenges that lay ahead and the enormity of the disruption we would all have to face. I hope that we never have to go through another school lockdown and with the roll out of the vaccination programme and Lateral Flow testing in school, we shall start to see some relaxing of the current regulations.

It has been a genuine pleasure to see our young people starting to return to school and after Easter we look forward to welcoming all of our students back full time. Our priority is to make sure that we can keep the school safe so that we limit the possibility of needing to isolate any year group bubbles. It's a particularly important time for our exam year groups who will be undertaking their important assessments.

Safety measures

The new operational guidance to schools continues to reinforce our normal control measures for ensuring our young people are kept safe however, they have been strengthened to advise **all students and staff to wear masks in classrooms if a 1 metre distance can not be maintained**, as well as in communal areas. Students do not, however, need to wear masks in the canteen or when they are outside.

Lateral flow tests

If you have children in Year 10 to 13 they are supported in taking the lateral flow tests on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. **They do not need to take them over the Easter holidays but will still need to take them this Sunday and the Sunday evening before they return to school.**

I want to give you advance notice that the school will be holding two training and standardisation days on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th of June** and so will not be open to students. We also have an additional Inset Day to prepare for the new Donaldson curriculum on **Monday 28th June**.

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 ring the main school telephone line on 01492 864200 to report this. During a call to this number selecting option 1 from the telephone menu will allow you to report a Covid related absence and selecting option 2 from the telephone menu will allow you to report a general absence from school.

If you have any concerns or you need further clarification then please email general@johnbright.uk or phone the main office on 01492 864200. Specific concerns about learning and progress can be directed to the relevant Director of Learning. Their contact information can be found on the school's website.

As always I want to thank you for your continued support and hope that you are able to enjoy your Easter break.

Yours faithfully

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