



# Ysgol Gymunedol Cefn Hengoed Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this email finds you all in good health. As a school, we are proud to be playing our role in supporting our community through these unprecedented times.

Thank you all for your efforts to date. Your hard work in supporting your child with online tasks and website work has been incredible. The new timetable has been extremely well received and has led to increased pupil engagement in all curriculum areas.

## Return to school information for parents/carers and pupils

Further guidance was received on Wednesday from Welsh Government. We still have a great deal of work to do before we can update you thoroughly, but we will send further updates to you over the coming weeks.

In preparing for the 4 weeks from 29th June we can clarify the following:

1. Numbers of pupils –only one year group from years 7-10 will attend each day. Guidance suggests no more than 1/3 of the total school number of pupils on the school site. We are working on a draft timetable and will share this as soon as possible. It is likely to mean that years 7-9 will receive one day per week and year 10 will receive two days per week. There will be a strong focus on core subjects, supplemented by a broader approach to health & wellbeing, languages, creative arts and Humanities. Year 9 and 10 will receive lessons in their chosen options. Furthermore, we will use this opportunity to prepare pupils for online learning tasks. School will be open from 9am until 3pm with your child being taught up until **1pm**, after which they will return home. Staff will use the afternoon to continue to set remote learning and assess online work.
2. Food/water – pupils will need to bring in their own packed lunch/ snacks. There **will not** be any food or drink available to purchase at school. There are facilities for filling water bottles.
3. Equipment – pupils will be required to bring in their own pen, pencil etc and not to share stationery equipment.
4. Classrooms – pupils will be in small groups within an allocated classroom. No classroom will accommodate more than 8 pupils.
5. Transport – in most cases pupils are encouraged to walk or be transported to and from school by parents. We are awaiting further information from county regarding bus transportation.



6. If parents choose not to send their children to school they will be expected to continue working from home and complete online tasks as per current timetable.
7. If a pupil shows symptoms whilst in school parents will be contacted and expected to collect their child from school immediately.

### **Health & Safety**

The school will be adhering to the County wide Risk Assessment policy that is in place in conjunction with the WG Guidance. This includes the installation of multiple hand sanitizer stations around the school, social distancing on the school site and within classrooms and a stringent cleaning rota. WG guidance does not require the wearing of PPE (Masks) at this time by either staff or pupils.

The school retains the right to review its provision in line with statutory guidance and make amendments to its Risk Assessment policy when and where necessary.

**Swansea County Council have provided information which can be seen by [clicking here](#) and there is a link to the **Frequently asked questions**.**

**<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/returntoschoolFAQs>**

### **Transition for year 6**

We continue to update the transition section of the website with video messages from staff, a virtual tour of the school and other relevant information. Further details can be found on [www.cefnhengoed.net](http://www.cefnhengoed.net)

### **Pupils eligible for Free School Meals**

Weekly food bags will continue to be delivered on Monday to those who have opted for them. Parents who have opted to receive payments will continue to receive these.

These are challenging times for everybody and I wish to stress that my main priority is the health and safety of the whole school community. Everything is secondary to that. It is our aim as a school to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in. By working together we can give every child the best opportunity to succeed. As always, I send my warmest wishes to you all. We as a school endeavour to support you and your family in any way we can and I ask you to please get in touch with us at any time. Stay safe and well. All of the staff at Cefn Hengoed are thinking of you.

Yours sincerely



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