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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9

Thank you for your ongoing support during this half term. I am happy to say that, considering the challenges we are facing, it has been a successful return to school with excellent attendance.

Welsh Government have confirmed that a Firebreak will be in place across Wales from the 23rd October to the 9th November. This is intended to combat the rising number of Coronavirus cases across the nation. The first week of this Firebreak will cover the half term holiday. The week commencing the 2nd November will see our school open to all pupils from Year 7 and 8, but not to pupils in Year 9 and above. These children will be required to stay at home for that week, before returning on the 9th November.

All pupils in Years 9 to 11 will receive online learning for the first week after half term, beginning on Monday 2nd November. Lessons will be provided in a number of formats:

- Some lessons will have power points and worksheets.
- Some lessons will contain pre-recorded video and audio instructions.
- **Some lessons may be streamed live by the teachers.**

Any live lessons will be delivered from the school site/classroom and will be in line with your child's timetable. It is important that your child is logged on to their device at the beginning of each lesson.

Learners must:

- Prepare for the session in plenty of time and ensure they join the session after the session has been started by a member of staff.
- Ensure the location they log in from is appropriate and that **their camera is switched off**.
- Minimise distractions. Turn off their sound unless they wish to ask the teacher a question. Use the hands up tool to ensure they don't talk over others.
- Ensure they have dressed appropriately and treat the lesson as they would in school.
- Show respect for everyone in the online classroom.
- Positively contribute to the class and not be disruptive at any time.
- Parents can listen in on lessons, support their children, but should not ask questions or speak for their child.
- Ensure behaviour in an online lesson should be as expected in any lessons and any disruption will be dealt with by the school.
- Not make recordings/images of the class or the teacher.
- Not initiate any live sessions without a teacher present.



Lesson times for each day are as follows:

- Lesson 1: 8.55am–9.55am
- Lesson 2: 9.55am–10.55am
- Lesson 3: 11.10am–12.15pm
- Lesson 4: 1.00pm–2.00pm
- Lesson 5: 2.00pm–3.00pm

You will note that we have maintained the format of a normal school day. It is important to us that your child's education is not disrupted more than it already has been, and we urge you to support us in encouraging your child to engage in online learning.

There are bespoke arrangements in place for pupils who attend our STF and CHACE provision. We will contact the parents of these pupils directly to discuss our plans in more detail.

Free School Meals

Free School Meals provision will continue over the half term break. Pupils will receive a food parcel or a BACS payment for this week. This will be extended for the week commencing 2nd November for all pupils in Years 9 and above. This has been arranged by the Local Authority's catering service.

Return to School

Face Coverings

All pupils are required to wear face coverings in all indoor communal areas, which include corridors and the canteen. Parents/carers should continue to provide face masks and a small plastic bag in which pupils can store their covering when not in use. Face coverings are not required in classrooms or outdoor recreation areas where pupils are within their contact group.

Pupils that use home – school transport are required to wear face coverings during each journey. ***Please remind your child to wear their face covering at all times during the journey to and from school.***

PE Lessons

Pupils will still be required to wear their school PE kit on any day where they have a timetabled PE lesson. However, in order to support your child during the cold winter months, please note the following:

- You can purchase PE uniform from Bergoni and pupils can wear it underneath their school jumper.
- In cold weather pupils can wear tracksuit bottoms over their PE shorts or in place of their PE shorts, **but these must be plain and dark in colour e.g. navy or black.**
- Bright coloured tracksuits with no PE or school uniform visible is not acceptable and this will be monitored by our pastoral staff who will contact home.

Our 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.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher