

# Cardiff High School FAQs

CORONAVIRUS COVID -19

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Please be assured that Cardiff High School, in line with Welsh Government (WG) guidance, has reviewed and updated its wider risk assessments and considered the need for relevant revised controls considering the implications of COVID-19.

This, in turn, has been collaboration with the local authority who have visited the school site and formally agreed that all mitigation measures are appropriate and have been implemented by the school.

**FAQs****Who will return to school when?**

Year 7 pupils only **Thursday 3rd September** to arrive in school by 8.40am for an induction day. To meet on the front astro area. Please can we politely remind parents not to come on to school site.

Year 12 & Year 13 pupils **Friday 4th September**

- New Year 12 pupils to Cardiff High School to arrive by 8.30am surnames A- M
- New Year 12 pupils to Cardiff High School to arrive by 9am surnames N-Z
- Pupils are to meet in the main hall just off reception (Neuadd Celyn) **Please note that staff will be on duty at the gates to help guide pupils**

Year 12 Cardiff High pupils **Friday 4th September** to arrive by 1pm and go straight to form rooms

Year 13 H-M 8.30 am – 11.10am go straight to form rooms

Year 13 P-T 1.10pm – 3.10pm go straight to form rooms

**Monday 7th September**

- Years 7, 8 and 9 only will arrive in readiness for a prompt 8.40am start and go directly to their form room and not to lesson 1

**Tuesday 8th September**

- Years 7 to 11 (inclusive) will arrive in readiness for a prompt 8.40am start and, go directly to their form room and not to lesson 1
- Years 12 and 13 will arrive at 1.10pm or 2.10pm if they have a lesson during the afternoon – to begin their AS and A2 courses

**Wednesday 9th September**

- Normal schooling for all pupils begins – all pupils arriving in readiness for a prompt start – going straight to lesson 1 for 8.40am in keeping with the new policy

**How will pupils need to enter the buildings? Where will they need to go?**

When pupils arrive on site initially in September, they should go to their form room for 8.40am. Pupils will be made aware of their designated zoned areas for break time and lunch times. A full induction will take place for all pupils during which all mitigation measures will be clearly explained.

As of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, all pupils will go directly to lesson one in readiness for a prompt 8.40am start. If your child arrives earlier than 8.35am, they should go straight to their designated year group zone.

YEAR GROUP	OUTDOOR AREA	INDOOR AREA
YEAR 7	BACK FIELD AREA 1	DANCE STUDIO
YEAR 8	BACK FIELD AREA 2	SPORTS HALL AREA 1
YEAR 9	4G	SPORTS HALL AREA 2
YEAR 10	FRONT ASTRO	GYM
YEAR 11	REAR YARD MARQUEE	NEUADD CELYN

YEAR 12 & YEAR 13	TY CELYN, PICNIC AREA OUTSIDE TY CELYN, CANTEEN DELI AREA & S22
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**How will the school day be structured?**

In line with our bid to reduce pupil numbers at key points within the day –

- Year 7 pupils will finish school at 2.50pm
- Year 8 pupils will finish at 3pm
- Year 12 and year 13 pupils will not be expected to attend registration; they will, instead, be invited by appointment to participate in small group tutorials with their form tutor.

This situation will be reviewed regularly

A staggered lunch has been introduced to minimise congestion and an additional lunch venue has been created. Pupils will not be required to use the biometric thumb reader but will be provided with a contactless card for the purchase of food and drink. Pupils in Key Stage 5 will also be able to pay for their lunch using a debit card.

**Will the school be serving hot food?**

School dinners will be available for all pupils from Monday 7th September. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, your direct payment will continue until Friday 4th September. Please be advised that the canteen will not be open before school or during break time. This will be reviewed in the coming weeks. We would request that your child brings in sufficient water to last until the lunch break and any snacks that they may wish to eat during break time. Should your child run out of water, there will be an option to purchase a bottle from their Key Stage office or from reception. Water fountains will be switched off until further notice.

Each year group will have a designated food outlet and a designated indoor and outdoor zone for break and lunch time.

**Will pupils move around the school?**

In order to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum and to prepare pupils for their chosen qualifications, it will be necessary for pupils to move around the building and to receive their lessons in specific classrooms and laboratories. The mitigation measures outlined below have been assessed and approved by the Local Authority .

**How is the school addressing the need for mitigation measures?**

In line with WG guidance, we are introducing a range of mitigating measures which have been approved by the Local Authority. All measures which have been put in place are designed to minimise the risks for all. These include:

- Increased levels of cleaning throughout the day
- The purchase of disinfecting backpack sprayers to be used throughout the day by cleaning staff – with a particular focus on high touch areas
- The creation of a one way system
- The provision of anti-bacterial wipes alongside equipment such as keyboards
- The provision of high quality hand sanitiser, wall mounted in every classroom – with the expectation that pupils hand sanitise upon arrival and departure

- The availability of high quality hand sanitiser both inside and outside the building
- The purchase of mobile hand washing stations for pupils to use prior to entering the building
- The introduction of staggered lunch times
- The introduction of a pre order app and contactless payment card for the canteen
- Staggered dismissal for Year 7 & Year 8
- Pupil contact groups (bubbles) within year groups
- Rotation of equipment within practical subjects such as PE and DT
- Areas for break and lunch time - zoned so that the year groups remain separate
- Ventilation within classrooms including the wedging open of all classroom doors
- Seats forward facing within classrooms
- The provision of A4 white boards and pens for all pupils to support rapid feedback and teacher input. These must be brought into school each day
- Adherence to WG's Track and Trace protocol
- The cessation of extracurricular trips and sports fixtures until further notice

### **Will pupils need to wear uniform?**

As of September, pupils will return to school in their uniform. We recognise, however, that you may wish for your child to wear the summer uniform to provide ease of washing and this is, consequently, permissible. The option, therefore, is for pupils to wear the summer or winter uniform. Please note that in light of our need to ensure that classrooms are appropriately ventilated, rooms may feel cool; the expectation remains that pupils will wear school uniform eg school jumper and blazer.

### **Will pupils be allowed to go to the toilet during lessons?**

Yes, pupils will be permitted to leave the lesson, one at a time. They will be asked to hand sanitise as they leave and as they re-enter the classroom.

### **Will pupils wear face masks?**

The Local Authority has written to all schools and ***strongly recommended*** that face coverings are to be worn in communal areas. We would echo this recommendation and suggest, therefore, that your child wears a face covering in school when moving around communal areas of the building.

Face coverings can be removed when seated in the classroom, participating in lessons and when outside of the school building. We would recommend that your child brings a small sealable bag with them for the safekeeping of face coverings when they are not being worn.

We fully understand, of course, that some pupils with certain additional needs are generally not recommended to wear face coverings in school buildings or on school transport. Our Learning Support department will liaise with specific families regarding this.

The recommended face coverings have three layers of material as highlighted by the World Health Organisation. The Local Authority will initially be supplying two washable covering for each pupil which will be safely distributed upon their return to school. You may wish, of course, to purchase your own.

**Will visitors be allowed on school site?**

Wherever possible we will avoid inviting visitors onto the premises. We will aim to use digital meeting platforms such as Microsoft Teams to minimise the number of face to face meetings on site.

**Is it compulsory for me to send my child to school?**

Whilst the Education Minister has stated that families will not initially be fined for keeping their child at home, unless your child is unwell or has been advised by a doctor to remain at home, we would advise that you send her/him to school.

**What do I do if my child is feeling unwell?**

Please do not send your child to school if they develop a new or continuous cough, if they have a temperature or if they have lost either their sense of taste or smell.

If somebody in your home or contact bubble has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid 19 in the last 14 days please do not send your child to school until the self isolation period had officially ended.

**What happens if my child is unwell in school?**

If a pupil becomes unwell in a lesson, a first aid trained member of staff will be asked to attend the classroom. A designated first aid isolation room has been set up to accommodate the pupil until a parent/carer is able to collect them.

**What do the scientists say the risk to our children is if they return to school?**

Please see Welsh Government advice: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>