

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of our first week with all pupils back in school, I would like to share with you a number of updates and reflections.

We have been absolutely delighted with the very positive attitudes displayed by our pupils both in terms of their approaches to learning and their sensible behaviour.

Pupils have swiftly adopted the protocols surrounding good hand hygiene and regular hand sanitising. We are grateful for your support in this area and would ask that you continue to remind your child of the necessity to make use of the external hand wash stations, hand sanitising units and wall mounted classroom dispensers.

The average attendance for the week has been over 96% across the school which is excellent and it has been a genuine pleasure to work with your children once again.

Our pupils have, very swiftly, familiarised themselves with the one way system around the school and this has helped enormously in terms of reducing numbers at key pinch points throughout the day. You may be aware from your own visits to Roath Park that a one way system has also been created around the lake. Please can we politely request that you remind your child of this and that the system needs to be adhered to at all times this includes their journey to and from school.

The Wearing of Face Coverings

You will recall that I advised you of the Local Authority's strong recommendation regarding the wearing of face coverings in communal areas within schools. First Minister, Mark Drakeford has, as you may know, announced today (11th September) that due to an increase in the number of people in Wales who have been diagnosed with Covid-19, face coverings are to become compulsory in indoor public spaces from Monday for everybody above primary school age. Whilst this does not directly apply to schools at the moment, we would emphasise that our school site is small and many corridors are very narrow. We would like, therefore, to reiterate the strong recommendation that all of our pupils (other than those with certain additional needs) wear a face covering when moving around communal areas of the building. All pupils have now been provided with face coverings and we would appreciate your support in this.

Extra Curricular Activities

We are very pleased to advise that extra curricular activities have now resumed and will take place after school. These will be offered within contact groups and will be highlighted on the website. Pupils will also be advised of the range of provision via their form tutors.

INSET arrangements for the year have been formalised and are as follows:

INSET Days 2020 – 2021

Thursday 17th December 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 21st June 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

School Lunch

Both the introduction of the split lunch and contactless payment cards have gone very well this week. Pupils have responded positively to these changes. Please can we politely request that your child's account for the payment of school meals is either undertaken remotely or by cheque. We would also like to highlight the fact that should you have more than one child at the school, you can split the minimum payment between the children via the on-line payment system. If, for example, you have 2 children in the school, you can make a payment of £15 but split this between each child. Should you require further support in terms of signing up for Parent Pay or splitting payments, please do not hesitate to contact us – syoung@cardiffhigh.co.uk.

School Uniform

Thank you for your positive feedback regarding our flexible approach to uniform. Our pupils have returned looking very smart and have successfully met our uniform expectations.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the high level of support that you have demonstrated towards us as we have tried hard to navigate our way through uncharted territory.

Please continue to use our website and follow our Twitter page for further updates and information.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher