



# Cardiff High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed another successful week in which staff and pupils have worked together to secure positive and rewarding outcomes both in the classroom and within a range of extra-curricular activities. I would like to share with you further updates and key information.

### **Home Learning in the Event of A Lockdown**

On Wednesday of this week we contacted you to explain what will happen should a whole year group have to self-isolate at home for 14 days. In this case, pupils within the year group will switch to their Home Learning Timetable. A webinar and accompanying explanation of the Home Learning Timetable have been posted on the Covid-19 Information Page of the school's website. We politely recommend that you watch the webinar in full and also refer to the relevant pages of the Home Learning Timetable document for your child's version of the timetable. All pupils have been notified of this potential switch and how it will work within their respective year groups.

Key Stage 5 students have been sent a copy of their home learning timetables and the accompanying webinar last week. It is vitally important that pupils watch the webinar and familiarise themselves with the Home Learning Time table.

### **Notice of Partial Lockdown**

In the event of a partial lockdown, due to a positive diagnosis of Covid-19, we may find ourselves in the position of having to send your child home from school. In order for us to be able to do so swiftly and safely, we politely request the following:

- Please ensure that contact details on the school system are up to date (please e mail Mrs Young if any changes need to be made – [YoungS11@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:YoungS11@Hwbcymru.net))

- Please ensure that a named contact on the school system is able to access phone calls at all times
- Please sign up for Parent Pay if you have not already done so as this will be a key platform for information sharing

### **Parental Engagement**

Whilst Welsh Government guidance has advised against parental gatherings in school, we feel that it is incredibly important for us to maintain high levels of communication with you. In particular we would like to ensure that as your child enters a new key stage, you are fully aware of all that this entails and of the support available. Please see our school website for links to webinars and presentations entitled “Welcome to Key Stage 5”, “Welcome to Year 13” and “Welcome to Key Stage 4”. An opportunity for parents of Year 7 to enjoy a virtual meeting with form tutors is also underway and you will have received a separate letter notifying you of the details.

### **The Wearing of Face Coverings**

We have been delighted with the way in which our pupils have adhered to the rule regarding the wearing of face coverings in our communal areas. Their response has demonstrated a high level of regard for collective responsibility and the wellbeing of others. You will recall that, at the start of term, each pupil was supplied with 2 face coverings. Unfortunately, some pupils have forgotten to bring a covering to school and within the course of this week alone an additional 300 have been distributed. This means that our surplus supply has now been depleted. Please can we ask that pupils bring a face covering with them every day and perhaps keep a spare within their school bag. After half term, all pupils will be issued with an additional two face coverings.

### **Canteen Provision**

Both the introduction of the split lunch and contactless payment cards are still going well.

In keeping with our commitment to pupil wellbeing we would like to ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to purchase food twice in the school day, particularly as the weather becomes colder.

You will recall that break time provision for **Years 10 and 11** were introduced last week.

We are now in a position where we are also able to offer a break time provision for **Year 9**. They may use the Learning Hub to purchase food at break time in addition to their lunch time slot in this area.

We are also going to open the canteen for **Years 7 and 8** from 8.15am to 8.30am for the purchase of breakfast items.

Please can we politely request that your child's account for the payment of school meals is either undertaken remotely or by cheque. 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](mailto:syoung@cardiffhigh.co.uk).

### **School Uniform**

Our flexible approach to the school uniform this term has been met with a positive response from parents and pupils alike. In light of the ongoing context, we have taken the decision to maintain this level of flexibility for the remainder of the academic year. This means, therefore, that pupils may wear either the summer uniform or the winter uniform until July 2021. Please note that the winter uniform comprises of a shirt and tie. The weather, however, is definitely becoming colder and the additional ventilation throughout the school will enhance the drop in temperature. Our expectation remains that school uniform will need to be worn in the cold weather. This refers to the school jumper and blazer. Should the school become very cold, we will consider further amendments to the uniform. Hoodies are not permitted.

Already we are in a position where lost uniform is mounting up. We would like to be able to return items as soon as possible and would urge you to label all items of clothing to help ease this process.

### **Phased Dismissal**

Whilst we are regularly reviewing our protocols surrounding early lunch for Year 7 and 8 pupils and also the phased dismissal at the end of the day, we feel that in the current climate, these mitigating measures needs to remain in place at least until half term. We will, however, continue to reflect on this decision as the term progresses. Until further notice, therefore, **Year 7** pupils will finish school at 2.50pm and **Year 8** at 3pm.

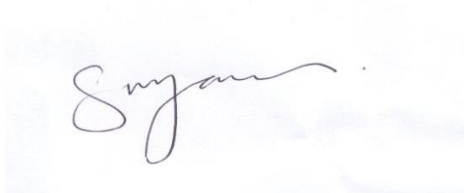
### **Securing a Covid-19 Test**

A a reminder - If your child displays any of the Covid-!9 symptoms, you must not send them to school. You will need to apply for a test either by **calling the free number 119** between the hours of 7am to 11pm or **via the website** [www.gov.uk/ger-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/ger-coronavirus-test). Please note that on line test appointments are released at regular intervals throughout a day. We would, therefore, advise that if you are not successful in securing an appointment initially that you continue to try on a frequent basis.

We would also remind you that if one person in your household is awaiting a test result, all members of the household will need to isolate until the result has been obtained.

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

Yours sincerely

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S M JONES

Headteacher