



Cardiff High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the final week of what can only be described as another unprecedented year in education, I would like to share with you the plans for next week and some initial thoughts surrounding our return to school in September.

September 2021

There is no specific guidance in place regarding the opening of schools in September in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We understand that there may be an announcement from Welsh Government during the course of next week and we will, obviously be guided by this and any subsequent announcements over the summer. It is our intention, currently, to resume as normal a school life as possible in the new year. We will advise you of the details as when we receive further information.

Last Day of Term Arrangement

Friday 16 July is, as you are aware, the last day of this academic year.

The day has been designated non uniform and the decision has been made not to collect for charity on this occasion. Should you wish to donate, however, please feel free to select a charity of your choice.

Pupils will be provided with an opportunity to purchase hot food during the course of the morning and will be dismissed at 12.20pm.

Reminder – INSET Days September 2021

Please be advised that, as a result of the additional bank holiday which has been initiated by the Queen's Jubilee, the Local Authority has decided that all schools in Cardiff will open on Friday 3rd and **not** Thursday 2nd September 2021. Consequently, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th will be designated INSET days with Years 7, 12 and 13 returning on Tuesday 7th September and the remainder of the school returning on Wednesday 8th September. This term will conclude on Friday 16th July with pupils being dismissed at lunch time. Further details surrounding this will be included in next week's parental letter.

INSET Calendar 2021 – 2022

Please be advised that the INSET days for the next academic year as follows:

DAY 1 Friday 3 Sept 2021

DAY 2 Monday 6 Sept 2021

DAY 3 Thursday 16 Dec 2021

DAY 4 Friday 17 Dec 2021

DAY 5 Monday 10 Jan 2022

DAY 6 Friday 1 July 2022

Covid-19

Unfortunately, we were made aware of a positive cases of Covid-19 at the start of this week. Swift action was taken to identify close contacts and self-isolation began with immediate effect where necessary. Please note, there may be times when we are made aware of a positive case and would have to send your child home immediately. Please can you ensure that you remain contactable each day and that back up child care arrangements are in place should the need arise.

If you have not already signed up for Parent Pay please can you do so as a matter of urgency by contacting Mrs Young on youngs11@hwbcymru.net. This will ensure that you receive immediate notice should your child be required to self-isolate.

Please be mindful of the fact that we are governed by **Test Trace Protect** (Wales) when determining the number of days required for contacts of close cases to isolate. This is not in the school's remit. Upon receipt of information and analysis of data, **Test Trace Protect** may well decide that a 14 day period of isolation is more appropriate than 10.

Transmission rates in the community remain fairly low at the present time. If your child receives a positive PCR test or lateral flow test, however, please can you alert the school at once in order for contact tracing to be undertaken. Please e mail Mrs Yarrow yarrowa@hwbcymru.net

Any learner who has any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend the school or setting and should instead self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test

1. A new persistent cough
2. Fever
3. Loss of taste or smell

Local Health Boards have now made testing available for individuals who are experiencing a **wider range of symptoms such as fatigue, myalgia (muscle ache or pain), a sore throat, a headache, a runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea.** Individuals are asked to consider taking a test if they are experiencing any of these wider symptoms and they are new, persistent and/or unusual symptoms for them.

We request that individuals who take a test because of these other wider symptoms also isolate while they await their test result.

Unless they develop one of the three main symptoms - the individual's household does not have to self-isolate. If individuals receive a positive COVID-19 result, following the onset on a wider symptom, they and their household must then isolate. Households must also isolate if anyone develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms while waiting for a test result taken on wider symptoms to come back.

Lateral Flow Tests

If you have decided to opt out of the opportunity to receive two lateral flow tests per week for your child, please can you advise us as soon as possible. This will enable us to order the correct amount from the Local Authority, thereby avoiding wastage.

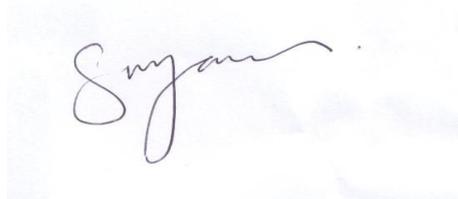
Please you contact the relevant members of staff according to which Key Stage your child is in:

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) Mrs V Ataou AtaouV5@hwbcymru.net

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 -11) Mrs K Holmes HolmesK46@hwbcymru.net

Key Stage 5 (Years 12 -13) Mrs E Jones JonesE3708@hwbcymru.net

Yours sincerely

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S M JONES

Headteacher