



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

Dear Parent / Carer

24 June 2020

I hope you are well and you and your family are staying safe.

Last week we asked families to complete a survey about your child's return to school. Firstly, I would like to thank the 750 families who replied, giving us a huge amount of information as we use the government's advice to plan the phased reopening of our school. Given so many of you feel that the school is safe to return, we have organised a structured timetable for every tutor group in Year 7, 8 and 9.

The tutor group contact sessions over the next two weeks will hopefully enable your child to alleviate some anxiety about returning to school, see the changes that have taken place to ensure a safe environment and give them an opportunity to discuss any concerns they might have before the summer holidays.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that every tutor group will be able to return for a 2-hour session, meaning that every student who would like to come back into the school before the summer holidays will now have the opportunity to do so, on a specific date. These sessions will begin on Monday 29 June and will be staggered over two weeks to ensure we continue to follow government advice and keep your child safe.

Below is a table that highlights exactly what day and at what time each tutor group is invited into school.

Please check this carefully and if you are unsure of the date and time your child is invited into school please contact their Head of Year. Due to the continuation of remote learning and staff availability, these dates cannot be altered, but if the date causes an issue for you please contact me directly.

Time	Mon 29 Jun	Tues 30 Jun	Wed 1 Jul	Thu 2 Jul	Fri 3 Jul	Mon 6 Jul	Tues 7 Jul	Wed 8 Jul	Thu 9 Jul	Fri 10 Jul
9.00 - 11.00	7.4	8.1	7.5	7.1	7.3	7.6	8.9	7.8	7.2	8.6
9.30 - 11.30	7.11	8.4	8.8	7.9	7.12	8.11	8.12	7.7	7.10	8.10
10.00 - 12.00	8.2	8.7	9.1	9.2	8.3	9.5	9.6		9.7	9.4
10.30 - 12.30	8.5	9.3	9.10	9.9	9.8					

Please note that each session lasts 2 hours and take note of the time slot you have been allocated. It is essential that you stay as close to the start and end times when planning your child's journey to and from school.

In order to prepare for the sessions and after analysing the survey feedback I would like to share some important information. **It is also vital that this information is shared with your child before they visit the school:**

Students do not need to wear uniform. Clothing should be appropriate for school. In addition, your child will need to have their own equipment (pen and pencil). Bringing their own stationary reduces the need to share equipment and consequently reduces risk.

We are encouraging 'active travel' and where possible students should walk or cycle to school. If you are driving your child to school please drop them off at the end of the road as students will only be able to access the school site on foot. Please note that where you have chosen to allow your child to travel on public transport, please ensure they have a mask to wear, as per the recent government instruction.

Masks and other PPE are not required for staff or students to enable us to open school safely, so please inform your child that they should not wear PPE in school and when they arrive at the gates, it should be kept safely away to avoid contact with anything whilst on site.

Upon arrival, your child should sanitize their hands (station outside the gate) then press the buzzer to be allowed in through the gate. They should go directly to the Blue Seating Area where staff will be ready to greet them and to sign them in. To enable social distancing, we ask students to arrive alone, sit at a vacant table and arrive approximately 10 minutes before their allocated time.

Please make sure your child knows that once the gate has opened, they must report straight to the Blue Seating Area where members of the pastoral team will register your child before escorting them to their tutor group session classroom. **It is important that students know they will not be in their 'normal' tutor base.**

All our classrooms have been adapted to allow students to sit 2 meters apart with one chair to a desk. As a result, our classrooms have been adapted to seat no more than 15 students. We have allocated 2 rooms per tutor group to accommodate the split. Each classroom has cleaning products and access to hand sanitiser. We have specifically chosen classrooms with ventilation and in one zone of the school.

The tutor group sessions have been carefully planned to include an overview of the changes to the school, signage, one-way systems and new school rules. This will be followed by a tour of the school, via the one way system, to see the new lay out and the adaptations made to enable safe social distancing. The rest of the tutor group session will consist of wellbeing activities, a range of pre-recorded tutorials to support remote learning, and then further to this, support and guidance to get students through to the end of the summer term.

The meetings have been designed to help reduce anxieties ready for the return to school in the new academic year. If you have declared a preference for your child to stay at home and instead requested a face to face meeting over Teams, a member of the pastoral team will be in touch to arrange this at a mutually convenient time.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Kind regards



Mr R Harrison
Head of Lower School