



# Wales HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

It seems a while since I have had reason to write to you and so I am delighted to be able to update you on plans towards resuming our 'normal school life' which feels such a positive step forward throughout what has been a most challenging year or so.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I write to confirm that in line with government guidance, the following measures will be in place from Monday 17 May, consistent with Step 3 of the roadmap.

As part of a careful and cautious next step, face coverings will **no longer be mandatory in classrooms for staff or students**. We do accept that individuals may prefer to continue to wear face coverings in classrooms and so that option will be permitted during this phase of the roadmap. However, in busier areas such as corridors at lesson changeovers and social areas where social distancing is not possible, face coverings must continue to be worn.

Clearly, face coverings in classrooms may need to be re-introduced for a compulsory, temporary period in response to any localised outbreaks. Should this be required over the coming weeks, information will be shared directly with staff and students.

**All other systems of control remain in place and must be followed** including twice weekly home testing for staff and students with home testing kits issued as and when they are received in school.

Face coverings still need to be worn on public transport, including dedicated school transport, for all those who are not exempt. Where face coverings are removed on arrival at school, these need to be carefully and safely stored in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Students should then immediately wash their hands before moving into their year group social area / tutor base.

In line with the roadmap, we are also able to resume off site provision, extra-curricular activities and domestic overnight residential. As you know, the school diary is usually packed full of activities which enhance teaching and learning, offering additional, exciting opportunities to our students in addition to their normal timetable. We are looking at which of these activities we are able to resume over the coming weeks and are hoping to return to our full diary of events from September 2021.

We will issue further updates as and when we have new information to share. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Wish best wishes

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Headteacher