

'No Limits to Learning!' - 'Dim Ffiniau i Ddysgu!'



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support during these unprecedented times. The autumn term has been challenging and the positive cases of Covid within the area are extremely high and the new variant appears to be easily transmissible. We have had the opportunity during these two planning days to revise our current risk assessment and assess where additional measures are necessary at this stage. We have also had the opportunity to ensure that we have robust plans in place to move to remote learning if needed. Each day we will assess staffing capacity and ensure that in the event of any periods of remote learning these are kept to a minimum and only put in place in response to lack of staff capacity.

In regards to our operational arrangements, we have risk assessed based on the variable measures for the 'very high' level set out in the framework for schools. This includes:

- staggered starts – times in previous letter – these will be reviewed regularly
- one way system
- adults wearing masks at all times where social distancing cannot take place
- parents wearing masks whilst dropping off and picking up their children from school site
- adequate ventilation throughout the building
- minimising interactions between pupil contact groups where possible
- social distancing
- staff taking LFD tests three times weekly
- breakfast club will be paused – this will be reviewed regularly.

Arrangements for self-isolation have now changed. All over 18s who are fully vaccinated (having received two full doses of an approved vaccine) and children aged 5 to 17 are now asked to take LFD tests every day for 7 days if they are identified as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. This is known as 'Daily Contact Testing'. These tests need to be done before the person comes to school. The person only needs to isolate if the test is positive or if they develop symptoms. In either of these cases, they should book a PCR test as soon as possible. Children under 5 years old are not required to self-isolate or test as contacts, however they should not attend school if they also show any symptoms of Covid and only return when their symptoms have cleared. It is still the guidance that if a child has symptoms of Covid they should follow the self-isolation guidance, book a PCR test and not attend school until they have received a negative result.

We will keep you updated in regards to any changes to our risk assessment. Please be mindful that in line with our daily risk assessment these may change at very short notice.

Kind regards

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