



Parents Bulletin – Returning to School

Dear Parent/Guardian

Return arrangements for March 22nd

On Monday, years 11, 12 and 13 returned to the school site and it was a pleasure to almost every one of them back. Year 10 will return next Monday and we hope to see them all back. The last message contained the key information for that return.

If you have further questions after reading that information pack you can contact your progress and wellbeing leader (BI10a11@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk), the school office ([ymholiadau@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk](mailto:yhmholiadau@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk)) or attend a virtual question and answer session on Friday between 2 and 3:

Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting	Friday 17/3/21 2.00-3.00
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A few administrative points:

- LFT tests will be distributed to pupils on Monday morning. If you wish to collect these earlier then you can do so on Thursday or Friday of this week between 9.30 and 12.30. We do ask that you return your consent forms to the address noted on them asap.
- As we return to the school site, the normal school systems are also restarting. If a pupil is going to miss school we do ask that you e-mail abs@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk.
- Buying school uniform when pupils have grown out of it, or buying any clothes, is a challenge at present. We have been informed that school uniform can be ordered and collected through www.alisonjonesschoolwear.co.uk or phone 01970 625288.

I hope that the information in this letter and in the last bulletin has answered all your questions.

Dr Rhodri Thomas
(Headteacher)

Message to pupils from their Head of Progress and Wellbeing.

Annwyl ddisgyblion blwyddyn 10

Rwy'n gobeithio eich bod yn cadw'n iach ac yn ddiogel. Mae hi wedi bod yn gyfnod hir a phryderus oddi ar i ni eich gweld ar safle'r ysgol, ond gallaf eich sicrhau ein bod ac yn edrych ymlaen yn arw i'ch croesawu yn ôl i Benweddig ben bore Llun nesaf, Mawrth y 22ain.

O ystyried y cyfnod hir yma o addysgu gartref a phopeth sydd wedi digwydd, mae'n hollol naturiol i deimlo'n bryderus am ddychwelyd ond rwyf am eich sicrhau ein bod wedi ac y byddwn yn parhau i gadw eich diogelwch a'ch lles chi, ein disgyblion arbennig, yn ganolog ym mhob trefniant a phenderfyniad. Fel ar hyd eich cyfnod ysgol, byddwn yma i'ch cynorthwyo a'ch cefnogi ac i sicrhau eich bod yn cyrraedd eich llawn botensial er gwaetha'r cyfnod digynsail yma.

Gwn eich bod wedi gweithio'n ddiwyd o fewn y cyfyngiadau a'ch cyfleusterau personol yn ystod yr wythnosau diwethaf, yn mynychu gwersi byw, cwblhau tasgau amrywiol a chyflwyno aseiniadau di-ri i'ch athrawon. Rwy'n llwyr ymwybodol hefyd bod rhai ohonoch, ar adegau, wedi ei chael yn anodd dygymod â'r llwyth gwaith, cadw at ddyddiadau cau a gweithio'n annibynnol, a bod hyn wedi effeithio ar eich brwdfrydedd tuag at waith ysgol. Gwn, fel rhiant fy hunan, bod nifer o'ch rhieni hefyd wedi teimlo'r baich o 'addysgu o adref'.

Oherwydd hyn i gyd, bydd rhai ohonoch yn pryderu am ddychwelyd i'r ysgol. Mae'n hanfodol felly fy mod yn pwysleisio mai ein prif ffocws wrth i'r ysgol ail-agor ddydd Llun yw eich lles a'ch iechyd meddwl. Ymysg y trefniadau sydd gennym yw cynnal sesiynau cofrestru estynedig lle bydd cyfle i chi drafod eich pryderon personol ac addysgol a thrafod ffyrdd i'w goresgyn. Mae gennym hefyd dîm o athrawon gofalgaf, mentoriaid priodol a chwmselydd yn barod i'ch cynorthwyo.

Gwn fy mod yn siarad ar ran holl athrawon a staff Ysgol Penweddig wrth ddweud ein bod ni yma i'ch cefnogi yn ystod y dyddiau, yr wythnosau a'r misoedd nesaf. Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau neu bryderon pellach peidiwch oedi cyn cysylltu â mi'n uniongyrchol ar BI10a11@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk

Gan edrych ymlaen at eich gweld fore Llun.

Yn gywir iawn,



What needs to be arranged before the first day

- **School Uniform:** Pupils will wear school uniform for return to school. We understand that children are growing, and clothing stores are not open so if this causes a problem you should contact the progress and wellbeing leader.
- **Suitable face covering**
- **Food or lunch money:** The canteen will open on the 22nd of March.
- Any equipment borrowed from the school for return.

What will you need for the first few days?

- Tools / books for **WEEK 1** of the timetable. Pupils follow their usual timetables, although there is the opportunity to have a little more time with the tutor at the start of the day in the first few days.

Arrival at school

School transport will run as normal for eligible pupils. I would however be grateful if you could transport your child to school if possible to try and keep the numbers on the buses down. In order to reduce traffic congestion with the buses we ask that you drop off your children near the school car park rather than immediately in front of the building.

Health and safety arrangements

The previous health and safety arrangements will continue. I have attached a pupil information sheet that reminds them of what needs to be done - this includes regular hand disinfection, temperature checks at the start of the day and adhering to specific zones of the school.

LFT testing is a new part of the process. Pupils who have collected these this week can use the tests on the Sunday evening before returning and other pupils will be able to collect the tests at the beginning of the week. Formal consent letters have been issued to you for these tests (for parents of pupils aged 14-16).

Pupils are also expected to wear masks in the building **including in classrooms**. Remember that there is a break between each double lesson and these are a chance to go outside - they do not need to wear a mask outside the building.

These health and safety actions follow national guidelines. They are part of a risk assessment that enables us to allow full groups back to school. Without these expectations the school would have to run with smaller groups and they would reduce the numbers that could be present at the school.

I understand that some pupils are worried about returning and others are looking forward. Pupils who are concerned about contacting their progress and wellbeing leader and they can ensure that support is in place for them.

School re-opening arrangements:

- The school site will open at 8.30am and lessons will finish at 3.30pm. There will be no activities or events on the school site outside these hours and **access to the building will not be possible before 8.30am or after 3.30pm** to ensure adequate cleaning time.
- **A pupil displaying one of the four COVID symptoms (High temperature, new permanent cough, Loss of smell, Loss of taste) should not be sent to school**, and the school will check the temperature of individuals on arrival and isolate individuals who shows high temperatures until you arrive to collect them. There will be the same procedure for an individual who displays one of the symptoms during the day.
- Pupils' education takes place in contact groups - years 7, 8 and 9 work in class groups and use one room throughout the day; year 10 and above will be in a one year contact group to enable us to maintain option topics.
- Rooms and other areas around the school will be regularly cleaned. Rooms will be cleaned between lessons with different groups.
- Outside areas will be allocated to specific groups, and the timetable will continue to create different break and lunch times for different groups. There will be a break between each double lesson and this will give pupils the opportunity to get out and be able to remove their masks outside.
- For the school day **pupils will wear school uniform**. Changing rooms will not be available so pupils will wear exercise kit on days they have PE lessons.
- Equipment will not be shared so it is important that pupils bring the necessary equipment every day.
- **Pupils will have to carry a face covering every day** and this will be used on transport and in all areas of the building, including teaching rooms.
- We provide many opportunities for pupils to disinfect or wash their hands during the day and will be expected to do this each time they enter or leave the building.
- The school's behavior policy has been adapted to reflect the seriousness of misbehavior that can spread the infection.