



Dear Parent/Guardian

Penweddig Expectations

We sent out a letter yesterday outlining our expectations as we return to a pattern of normality. We have been flexible over the first few weeks to give pupils the opportunity to settle back in but we will be returning to our normal expectations over the next week. Pupils will be reminded of the expectations of Welshness, behaviour, uniform and phones on Monday and issues that need to be improved will be identified so that they can be resolved for Monday 17th May.

Successes and Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack Allen of year 9 for being selected to be part of the North Wales Cricket team squad. This is a great achievement and congratulations to him!

Glain Llwyd has also been busy over the lock period recording music. It is good to be able to announce that she is a guest vocalist on the new singles of the group 'Diffiniad'. 'Woop' is available to download now - it's a track that gets a lot of coverage on Radio Cymru and Radio Wales, so listen wherever you stream your music.

Key Dates

Friday	28/5	INSET Day
Monday – Friday	31/5-4/6	HALF TERM
Monday – Friday	7/6-11/6	Preparation for the future week – year 12
Wednesday	9/6	INSET Day
Tuesday	15/6	Provisional A/AS results
Wednesday	16/6	Provisional GCSE results

Sharing KS4 and KS5 grades: Appeals

The government has delayed publishing details of the appeals process for grades. We will share information with you when the information becomes available from the government.

Year 12 after half term: Preparation for the future week

Year 12 will complete their courses and their AS examinations before half term. After half term there will be a preparation for the future week where they will have the opportunity to work on elements of preparing for university or job applications. This work will be done online. They will return to formal lessons following their results on Tuesday 15/6.

LFT Tests: Positive results

Following a positive result in an LFT test this week, I will try to explain the processes that are being followed to address questions that may arise.

When we receive a message about a positive test result (via LFT@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk) we will first try to identify any potential contact - this will include pupils in the same class, friends who spend breaks and lunches with the person who has tested positive and those who travel on the same bus.

If the information reaches us at night or early in the morning we try to contact these at home before they leave the house. I understand that some people may be concerned if others get a call but not them. We will call everyone affected - we have accurate home and mobile phone numbers for almost everyone but if you have moved house or changed mobile number it would be helpful to send confirmation of these numbers to the school office via ymholiadau@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk.

If the information arrives during the school day we will call parents and ask them to collect their children - we are not allowed to send them by public transport. A child may ring before we call you and in this case the reception will share the key information with you rather than a phone call.

In the first day after a positive LFT result the person will undergo a PCR test at the testing centre. We as a school will review each individual's situation with Test, Trace, Protect. This will include consideration of the location of pupils in classes or on the school bus. This will identify some contacts that are close links and some that are not. The other contacts receive a message from the school that they can return and they do not have to continue to isolate. The decision for the close contacts depends on the result of the PCR test - if this is negative they may return, if it is positive they are expected to isolate.

Some cases over the year have arisen with pupils who are in the same class for a number of lessons being able to return but those in the same class for only one subject having to remain isolated - this is to do with the distance between the pupils in the class rather than the time they are in the same class.

The process leads to everyone receiving calls during the same period on the first day, but messages about returning or continuing isolation being received over time.

Reports

Year 7-10 pupils will receive reports at the end of the year. These will be summary reports to reflect the very different nature of the year.

Vote project

156 Ceredigion KS3 pupils voted in the children's commissioner's project vote, with a significant number being Penweddig pupils. The results of the vote for Ceredigion can be found here: [Breakdown of results by constituency | Project Vote](#)

Dropping-off and Collection of Pupils

I kindly ask parents who drop off children in the morning not to wait outside the building to keep the traffic flow going. You can drop off your children near the staff car park. I also ask parents to avoid blocking Padarn Crescent while waiting for your children at the end of the day.

I wish you all a nice weekend, and we hope we don't see a show again until winter,



Dr Rhodri Thomas
(Headteacher)