

Our Ref: DH/MC

12th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of a very strange academic year I would like to thank you very much for the continuing support you have given me as Headteacher and to the school over this time – it has been something that has been very much appreciated.

Yet again, September will see changes in the school's operational procedures in order to reflect new COVID-19 guidelines for schools from September 2021. A highlight of these changes includes:

- We will no longer be recommending the routine use of face coverings in classrooms, although we will be recommending their use in communal areas.
- We will no longer have our learners in bubbles during lessons, although year groups will continue to have designated toilets and designated areas of the school for break and lunch.
- Normal session times will resume, with all learners expected to be in school by 8.20am each day, and in registration no later than 8.30am.
- We will expect full school uniform to be worn each day and we will reinstate the use of the PE changing rooms.
- We will no longer have a staggered end to the school day, although for the first few weeks the new Year 7 learners will be escorted down to the buses five minutes early, allowing them time to find their homeward transport.

We have been informed by the Welsh Government that there may well be additional updates to this guidance over the summer holiday and so I encourage all households to regularly check in to the school's Facebook page or the school website for updates over the summer recess.

In terms of our start in September please note the following:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
1 st September 2021	Staff Training Day – closed to learners
2 nd September 2021	Staff Training Day – closed to learners
3 rd September 2021	Staff Training Day – closed to learners
6 th September 2021	Years 7 and 12 only – school closed to other learners
7 th September 2021	Years 7 and 12 only – school closed to other learners
8 th September 2021	School open to all learners



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As schools have not been able to have full transition activities for our Year 6 learners due to COVID, this will happen on 6th and 7th September 2021. Each secondary school in Conwy will be using two September days for this purpose.

Before starting school in September, we encourage all learners to take a Lateral Flow Device Test. The results will need reporting to the NHS, whether positive or negative but **ONLY** positive results need reporting to the school.

We now plan and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new academic year, where we will continue to see the school go from strength to strength.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr Dave Humphreys
Headteacher