

## **Final confirmation of arrangements for pupil return to Ysgol Bryn Elian from Monday the 29th June, 2020**

May I start this update by thanking the learners and parents of Ysgol Bryn Elian for their tremendous support and patience over the last few months since schools in Wales unexpectedly closed to all learners on March the 20th. I would also like to thank the staff, both teaching and support, for all the work they have done since closure in being involved in our distance learning programme and keeping the school open as a child care centre for the amazing key workers.

We are now at the point that we are ready and keen to welcome our learners back for the last 4 weeks of this academic year. You will have seen in the press that some other counties in North Wales are only opening for 3 Weeks. Conwy schools are planning to remain open for 4 weeks to ensure that we have contact with all our learners for 'check-in, catch-up and prepare' before the Summer. At Ysgol Bryn Elian we want to make sure that we have seen as many of our learners as possible to ensure that they are prepared for whatever happens in terms of education in September.

Our booking system is now closed and we have our staffing levels set. As a consequence, after today we will not be able to accommodate any further learners. Below are just key pointers ahead of our grand re-opening next Monday:

Buses will arrive at school at the normal time in the morning but will pick learners up at 2.00pm at the end of the school day. Only those who have been contacted to say they have a place, can go on the bus. Because of social distancing, buses can only hold 13 learners.

Learners who are making their own way to school by whatever means must not arrive before 8.30. They should arrive between 8.30 and 8.45. The gates will be closed shortly after. Again, these learners will be dismissed from school at 2.05pm  
ALL learners need to bring their own lunch and drink with them to school. They will need to bring plenty of fluids as the school's 'fountains' are switched off following Health and Safety advice. The school cafeteria will not be open.  
All learners should bring their own school equipment with them, ie pencil cases etc  
Learners will need to wash their hands regularly, sanitise as needed, and always follow social distancing guidelines which currently stand at 2M.

Learners will go through screening at the school gate where they will be asked a series of questions such as 'Have you got a temperature?', 'Have you got a new persistent cough?' etc May we remind parents that IF A LEARNER HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID OR ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OR SOMEONE THEY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH IS EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF COVID, THAT THE LEARNER SHOULD NOT COME IN TO SCHOOL.

Learners who have underlying health conditions and who are socially shielding eg those with chronic asthma, should not come to school for this check-in programme.

As you are all aware, throughout the period of closure the school has been open for the children of key workers. This facility will continue throughout the four weeks and will operate as normal, but will be based in the 6th form centre and the learners in for the childcare facility will need to go to the 6th form centre in the mornings by walking round the front of the building to the external door of the centre.

As a body of staff we are very much looking forward to our learners' return from Monday onwards. Due to Health and Safety, parents will not be allowed on the school property and all drop offs must be made outside the front gate. Parents must not drive on to the school site.

Kind regards and stay safe,

Dave Humphreys  
Headteacher