

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: September Reopening

We received the guidance from the Welsh Government late on Monday and we have spent the last two days finalising our plans for September.

The First Week Back

The Minister for Education has given schools a maximum of two weeks in September to open fully. Our view is that we would like to welcome back our students as quickly as possible. In line with other Newport secondary schools, the first two days have been designated as staff planning and preparation time. The final two days of that week will be used to stagger the return of students to school for induction. Their induction time will be used to familiarise themselves with the new routines, work with their form groups, receive their new timetable and meet with senior staff. All lessons for all pupils will start the following Monday.

Please see below for specific details:

Date	Purpose	Time
Tuesday 1st September 2020	Staff Preparation and Planning	0830-1500
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Staff Preparation and Planning	0830-1500
Thursday 3rd September 2020	Year 7 Induction	0900-1500
	Year 9 Induction	0930-1330
	Year 11 Induction	1000-1400
Friday 4th September 2020	Year 8 Induction	0930-1330
	Year 10 Induction	1000-1400
	Year 12 and Year 13 Induction	0900-1500
Monday 7th September 2020	All pupils return	See Below

Principles for a Full Reopening in September

When producing our plans for a full reopening to all students, we have worked according to the following principles which adhere to the national guidance:

- 1) "Contact groups" consisting of a full year group and the mixing of classes within a year group are necessary to ensure full coverage of the curriculum in a meaningful way.
- 2) Different year group cohorts will be kept apart, i.e. Y10 will not mix with Y7.
- 3) Movement around the school site will be kept to a minimum.
- 4) Busy corridors, entrances and exits will be avoided.
- 5) The full curriculum and normal timetable will operate to allow a smooth transition to "normality", i.e. when all restrictions are lifted.
- 6) The school will operate for the same duration of a normal school day.
- 7) Normal school routines, rules and expectations will be in place, i.e. uniform, behaviour.
- 8) We will plan for a return to either a full or partial lockdown and be prepared to revert to blended learning if needed..

Arrangements for September

The following arrangements will be in place from September:

- **The normal school timetable will operate.**
- **Year groups** will remain **separate**.
- Year groups will remain in one **designated teaching area** of the school for most of their teaching to avoid mixing with other year groups.
- Students will only move from their areas for **specialist teaching**, e.g. PE, DT.
- There will be staggered **arrival times**:
- Year 7 and Post 16 will arrive at 0835 and then go to form.
- Year 8 and Year 9 will arrive at 0845 and then go to form.
- Year 10 and Year 11 will arrive at 0855 and then go straight to lessons.
- There will be staggered **departure times**: KS3 at 1500 and Ks4 at 1510.
- **Tutor period** will be staggered between morning (Ks3) and afternoon (KS4).
- There will be **staggered breaks and lunches**.
- There will be **zoned areas** of school for arrival, departure, break and lunches for different year groups.
- All students will remain on site during **lunchtimes**.
- As lunches and breaks will be staggered; students will not be allowed in the corridors so not to disturb lessons.
- A **oneway system** will operate across the school.
- Students will sanitise their hands on entering the building and classes.
- It is imperative that students bring their own **equipment** as they will be unable to share.
- Students will need a **packed lunch** for the first two weeks of school as the canteen will not be operating. Students in receipt of free school meals will be provided with packed lunch.

- School **uniform** will be compulsory.

Further Communication

A final end of term letter will go out tomorrow with practical information that you will need for September, e.g. calendar, uniform details etc.

Yours faithfully,



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