

6 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We welcomed back our Year 7 and Year 8 students this week. It was good to see them all after the half term break. They have had the school to themselves this week as the older students worked from home during the national firebreak.

Year 9 to Year 13 students should have been accessing their work on Google Classroom throughout this week. All students have been contacted by form tutors this week to check how they have managed the distance learning work. Teachers will follow up with students next week. We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school on Monday.

School Staggered Start and End Times

	Start Time	Arrival Gate	End Time	Departure Gate
Year 7	0835	East	1450	Nearest Gate
Year 8	0840	East	1450	Nearest Gate
Year 9	0840	West	1450	Nearest Gate
Year 10	0845	West	1455	Nearest Gate
Year 11	0845	East	1455	Nearest Gate
Year 12/ 13	0845	West	1500	Nearest Gate

Tutor Time - Monday 9th November

All students will have a 20 minute tutorial at the start of P1 on Monday 9 November 2020, they will all need to go straight to their form rooms on arrival at school.

Covid 19 - Procedure for positive case during the school day

If we are alerted to a positive Covid 19 case during the school day that requires a year group to go home and isolate, we will follow the procedure below:

- You will receive a text from the school.
- We will, then, ask you to **text your child** to give them permission to walk home.
- Your child will need to show the text to their teacher before they are allowed to leave the premises.
- If you wish to **pick up** your child, you can text "pick up" to your child's phone and we will keep them in the class until you arrive at school to pick them up.
- If your child has not got a phone or you do not text them, we will ring you.
- Please rest assured that we will not allow your child to leave school until we have heard from you or we reach the end of the school day.

Covid 19 Update

Please see attached [Flowchart](#) which contains all relevant scenarios in terms of Covid-19.

Year 7 CATs Tests

Year 7 will be sitting their CATs tests during their ICT lessons between Monday 30th November and Tuesday 8th December 2020.

CATs stand for Cognitive Abilities Tests. Teachers use this information to identify each student's strengths and areas for development in four areas :

- Verbal reasoning (thinking with words)
- Quantitative reasoning (thinking with numbers)
- Non-verbal reasoning (thinking with shapes and space)
- Spatial ability (thinking with visual images)

CATs are designed not to test knowledge or fact retention but children's abilities to think in particular ways including understanding, memory, reasoning and decision-making. The tests assess how well children can think through certain problems and apply logic or connect basic facts to arrive at the correct solution without any prior knowledge implied by the questions.

Lunchtime Menu

Hot food will be available from Monday 9 November 2020 to all students across the school in their zoned canteen, Please click [here](#) for the current menu.

And finally ...

We look forward to a busy and productive half term. Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Curtis', written in a cursive style.

Mr. D. Curtis
Headteacher/Pennaeth

