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Dear Parents/Carers,

We wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. We hope that you have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

As mentioned prior to Christmas, we have spent the last two days preparing for our students' return to school in light of the current COVID 19 situation. We were asked by the Welsh Government to review our risk assessments and draw up plans to deal with potential high levels of staff absences over the coming weeks.

Our current position as a school allows us to reopen to **all students on Thursday 6th January 2022.**

However, if at any point over the next term, we are unable to cover staff absences, we may need to revert to online learning for individual year groups. If this is the case, we will rotate online learning provision across different year groups from Year 7 to Year 10 for no more than one or two days at a time; this will hopefully ensure that no one year group will be adversely affected and that we continue to have regular contact with our students.

Over the next few weeks, we will review our staffing situation each morning and make a decision by 7:30am on whether we need to revert to online learning for a year group on that particular day. If this is the case, parents of children in the relevant year group will be contacted via text and we will also post a message on our social media account and website.

Please rest assured that this measure would be the final stage of our contingency plans to manage challenges related to staff absence.

COVID 19 Mitigation Measures

The school has been implementing the highest level of mitigation measures advised by the Welsh Government since October half term. Therefore, following a review of our risk assessment, there has been very few changes to the measures already in place; these include:

- Staggered lunches
- Social zones for different year groups
- Hand gel in every classroom
- Wiping of desks
- Forward facing desks
- Consistent seating plans
- One-way systems in buildings
- Face coverings in all internal buildings (including classrooms)

We will, however, reintroduce a staggered break time from Thursday. As a result of this, the timings of the school day have been slightly adjusted (see below).

Please note that all students still need to arrive at school by **8:35am**. Gates open at 8:20am. The departure times for students remain the same (see below).

School Timetable

Year	08:20 - 08:35 (Gates)	08:35	09:00	10:00	10:20	11:00	11:20	12:20	12:55	13:20	13:55	14:50-15:00
	Arrive	Tutor	P1	P2 (1hr) Break (20 mins)		P3	P4 (1hr) Lunch (35 mins)		P5	Depart		
7	East Gate	T	P1	B	P2	P3	L	P4	P5	14:50		
8	East Gate	T	P1	P2		B	P3	P4	L	P5	14:50	
9	West Gate	T	P1	B	P2		P3	L	P4		P5	14:55
10	West Gate	T	P1	P2		B	P3	P4		L	P5	14:55
11	East Gate	T	P1	B	P2		P3	L	P4		P5	15:00
P16	West Gate	T	P1	P2		B	P3	P4		L	P5	15:00
LDC	Rear Yard	T	P1	P2	B	P2	P3	P4	L	P4	P5	14:25

Face Coverings

Face coverings are now legally required in all indoor public places and on public transport. At school it is an important mitigation against the spread of COVID 19 and is part of our risk

assessment. It is vital that your child returns to school with a **reusable face covering** unless they are medically exempt.

Please see below an extract from the Welsh Government website explaining the purpose of wearing a face covering:

Face coverings are largely intended to protect others, not the wearer, against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of virus that causes coronavirus infection.

Coronavirus usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. These droplets can also be picked up from surfaces, if you touch a surface and then your face without washing your hands first. This is why social distancing, regular hand hygiene, and covering coughs and sneezes is so important in controlling the spread of the virus.

The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets in certain circumstances, helping to protect others.

Lateral Flow Tests

The Welsh Government strongly advises that students take lateral flow tests **3 times** a week (Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings) from January. These will be issued during tutorial on Friday 7th January to those who have parental consent.

Positive COVID-19 tests

If your child tests positive for COVID 19, please can you let the school know using the normal process. Email you results to the following address: Covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk

And finally ...

We look forward to our students returning on Thursday to a busy term of learning ahead of them.

Please contact the school if you have any general queries. The school phone lines are open from 8:00 to 16:00 (15:30 on Fridays) on 01633 224490 or email on info@stjuliansschool.co.uk

For more specific queries related to your child, you may contact your child's progress leader (email addresses are on the school website). Updates are also posted on our Twitter account: @stjuliansschool.

Yours faithfully



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