



22nd June 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Guardians

We all truly hope that you are all well and that you are coping with the massive change to our way of living. While it is not easy, we need to remain strong and positive and work together as a community to address the significant problems we face when this life-threatening virus has finally been contained, if not eradicated.

Welsh Government announced that schools will seek to reopen (for a maximum of one third of students) from **Monday 29th June 2020**, providing there is no further spike in the rate of infection. However, there have been further ongoing discussions at Welsh Government and we have only just received confirmation this morning that Flintshire schools will only open for 3 weeks, which means the **last day of school will be Friday 17th July 2020**. This reopening is to help us all prepare for what is likely to be the 'new normal' from September 2020. Welsh Government decided this opening was to be primarily used as an opportunity to check on students' wellbeing and for everyone to explore the issues around safe opening in September.

Without a significant change in the social distancing and hygiene regulations required to keep us all safe, schools will not open as normal in September and all schools will have to operate with a mixture of face-to-face and distance learning.

All schools have been informed that **Hub provision for keyworker children will also come to an end on Friday 17th July 2020**.

The safety and wellbeing of our students, their families and our staff are our top priority, which is why we continue to contact you all to check on children's wellbeing and to see if there is any support we might offer or signpost. If you have told us you intend to send your child into school, you will already have received an email update. You will also receive a text message with the dates and times of the sessions they are to attend. If you do not receive a text, please do not send your child to school as they will be refused admission.

The restrictions on social distancing and the necessity to stringently clean rooms between sessions, means all secondary schools will only be able to offer each student an extremely limited time in school. At Ysgol Treffynnon, all students who request the chance to attend school will be given the opportunity to attend school for 2 hours once a week for the 3 weeks we are open.

Students must not arrive before their allotted time and must remain 2m apart from their peers. Please stress to your child that they must remain 2m apart from their peers whether they are walking or using public transport to and from school. Students who do not socially distance on their journey to school will be refused entry to the school.

A comprehensive risk assessment has been submitted to the Local Authority and we are currently preparing the school site, classrooms, and toilets in accordance with that risk assessment. Further information can be obtained via our FAQ document found on the school's website.

We would like to thank you for your continuous support during this difficult time and pray that you and your families remain safe and in good health.

Yours sincerely

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