



July 2020

Re: September Opening

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write with further details regarding the return to school in September.

As you will be aware, the Welsh Government have requested that schools open to all learners in the Autumn term and, "from the second week of term it is expected that schools will maximise the number of learners, leading to a full return by the 14th September when school attendance will be compulsory for all pupils."

We have been working hard to undertake the necessary preparations in order for this to happen safely.

We will be providing subject lessons to all learners, following the usual timetable, in order to guarantee a meaningful teaching and learning experience from the start.

Health and Safety

Please note the following important information relating to safety and operational running of the school:

- In order to reduce movement around the school, year groups will be 'zoned' in particular blocks of the school. Lessons in specialist accommodation such as laboratories, workshops, ICT rooms etc. will still continue.
- Year groups will be separated across different outdoor venues at break and lunch time.
- There is no longer a necessity for parents to provide a packed lunch as was the case for the 'check-in' provision, hot food will be available. Hot food will be served in additional venues using the pre-existing split lunch system; each year group will be assigned an appropriate venue. Learners wishing to bring a packed lunch can of course continue to do so and will eat lunch with their year group. Please note that hot food will not be available at break time.
- Rooms, communal areas and high touch surfaces will be cleaned on a regular basis throughout the day.
- Doors and windows will be kept open in classrooms.
- There will be a continued emphasis on hand washing and the use of sanitiser throughout the day.
- We will continue to make use of staggered starts and entrance points. You will be sent details of the arrangements prior to the start of term.





Phased re-opening

The school will open using a phased approach. This will allow us to test our systems and implement effective transition activities for certain year groups too.

Learners will return to school on the following days:

- Year 7** : Thursday 3rd September onwards
- Year 12** : Thursday 3rd September onwards
- Year 13** : Monday 7th September onwards
- Year 11** : Tuesday 8th September onwards
- Year 10** : Wednesday 9th September onwards
- Year 9** : Thursday 10th September onwards
- Year 8** : Friday 11 September onwards

Distance learning activities will be provided from the start of term; your child is expected to complete these prior to their return to school. Further information to follow.

Uniform

Our usual high standard of uniform will apply from September. Please ensure that your child returns to school in full, correct uniform. For further details please see <https://eirias.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Please do contact the school if you have any queries relating to the above information or if you have any questions.

I know that this has been a very challenging time for staff, children and parents alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support not only these last few months but also this academic year. The school is committed in its planning processes to respond to future developments in the Covid-19 pandemic. We will continue to respond to changes in guidance and exam specifications and will of course keep you informed of such changes as they happen.

I will be in touch again as September approaches with further details.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Sutton
HEADTEACHER

