

Update

On Tuesday 10 November 2020 we welcomed back to school Year 9 - 13 pupils who had been working at home during the Welsh Government directed "firebreak". This week teachers have been working with pupils to discuss the work completed at home and to consolidate main points, verify understanding and discuss next steps in pupils' learning.

In last week's Parentmail letter the amended lesson times applicable from Monday November 2 2020 were included (see below).

08:30 - 08:45 - arrival of pupils on site (facilitates staggered start)

08:45 - 09:10 Registration - Teachers formal start time

09:10 - 10:10 Lesson 1

10:10 - 11 :30 Lesson 2

- 10:10 - 10:30 Y7 & 12 break
- 10:40 - 11:00 Y8 & 9 break
- 11:10 - 11:30 Y10, 11 & 13 break

11:30 - 12:30 Lesson 3

12:30 - 14:00 Lesson 4

- 12:30 - 13:00 Y7 & 12 lunch
- 13:00 - 13:30 Y8 & 9 lunch
- 13:30 - 14:00 Y10, 11 & 13 lunch

14:00 - 15:00 Lesson 5

As outlined last week, members of staff will be present on the school site from 8.00am each morning.

Teachers will be on duty in a formal supervisory capacity from 8.30am.

If pupils in Years 7 - 11 arrive in school in the morning before 8.30am, they must not then leave the site for any reason (for example to go into Cowbridge town centre). Should any pupil disregard this instruction, please be aware that they will not be under any form of staff supervision and the school cannot take responsibility for them during this time. Secondly, the pupil concerned may be subject to disciplinary processes in school.

If pupils do have reason to be in Cowbridge before or after school, we would encourage them to be mindful of other members of the local community, behave in a considerate manner and to try to maintain appropriate social distancing when coming into contact with other people. We will be reminding all pupils regarding these expectations during forthcoming assemblies.

Pupils are expected to arrive at school in good time for registration and the first lesson which begins at 8.45am. This means that pupils should arrive in school at least 10 minutes before this time to enable them to make their way to their classrooms for the start of lessons.

As part of the school's approach to reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission, we have ensured that classrooms are as well ventilated as possible. This means that windows are open, fully or partially, to obtain the levels of fresh air required. As winter approaches we

have to be mindful of pupils' thermal comfort if windows are open. Therefore pupils are allowed to wear additional layers if conditions require it. However, it is important to note that the school jumper is the main compulsory item of clothing if pupils are cold. Only if the jumper is insufficient should pupils wear additional layers. A shirt and a coat on top without a jumper is not appropriate.

With further reference to the school uniform, whilst the vast majority of our pupils abide by the requirements, we would like to remind everyone that jeans are not part of the school uniform and are therefore not allowed.

We wish all pupils and families a good weekend.