



ST. CENYDD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and Carer

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well, and that your children have had an enjoyable summer break.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to St Cenydd. As per my letter to you on 19 August 2020, our plan for return is

	Tues 1 Sept	Wed 2 Sept	Thurs 3 Sept	Fri 4 Sept	Mon 7 Sept	Tues 8 Sept	Wed 9 Sept	Thurs 10 Sept	Fri 11 Sept	Mon 14 Sept		
Year 7	National Planning and Preparation Days		INSET Day	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Year 8											✓	
Year 9											✓	✓
Year 10										✓	✓	✓
Year 11	Staff only		Staff only				✓	✓	✓	✓		
Year 12					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Year 13						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Y7 pupils: For our Year 7 pupils, the school day timings for Friday 4 September will be adjusted to support their arrival in our school on their first day. Departure times will also be adjusted just for this first day for Year 7. Parents will receive a text on Wednesday 2 September with details about where and when their Year 7 child should report to school, and their departure time.

From Monday 7 September, the school day timings for all pupils, including Year 7, will be 0830 start (pupils should arrive on school site no earlier than 0815) and a staggered end to the day between 1355 and 1405 (all pupils will leave the school site by 1415).

Y8-Y13 pupils: Parent/carers will receive a text 2 days before your child is due to return to school with information about where and when they should report for school on their first day back. We are likely to send the same information to the pupils school email account as well.

Y8 and Y9 pupils will also receive an email on Monday 7 September with their online 'learning from home' work to be completed that week before they return to school. They will have two lessons each from English, Maths and Science, and one lesson each from all of their other subjects (e.g. Geography, IT, Spanish, etc.).

Please note that parents/carers must not enter the school premises or school site under any circumstances. No visitors will be allowed on school site at this time to ensure as few people as possible are on our school premises at the same time. This is a key part of our risk assessment. Telephone appointments and email will remain our main ways of communicating with you at this time.

As promised, I have written a new ['Questions and Answers'](#) document for you which covers all of our new school operational arrangements in line with the latest Welsh Government guidance. Please take time to read through this document and familiarise yourself and your child with what they can expect when they return to school. I will continue to update this 'Questions and Answers' document as needed and post these updates on the school website. As always, you will find a wealth of relevant information on our school website, along with useful links to other organisations such as Public Health Wales.

A very important part of the 'Questions and Answers' document is information about what to do if someone is feeling unwell or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 in your home. If you, your child or anyone in your household feel unwell with COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, change or loss of taste or smell), then your whole household must remain at home and self-isolate. None of your children should attend school and you should arrange to have a COVID-19 test.

Below is an extract from the 'Questions and Answers' document about this:

Please remember that, under no circumstances should pupils or staff attend school if they:

- **feel unwell with any of the identified COVID-19 symptoms.** They should remain at home and self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test.
- **have tested positive for COVID-19.**
- **live in a household with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for COVID-19.**

Any pupil who shows symptoms compatible with COVID-19 while in school will be immediately isolated and their parent/carer will be called to collect them and their siblings immediately. The pupil and their whole household should immediately isolate at home as per Welsh Government guidance and apply for a COVID 19 test. The child and their siblings will not be able to return to school until the isolation period is over or on production of a negative COVID test result.

Please inform the school if your child is rightly kept at home because they or another member of your household feel unwell with COVID 19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID 19.

You will also have received a letter over the weekend from Mrs Keri Cole, Chief Education Officer for CCBC, with important information about face coverings in secondary schools and school transport. A copy of her letter is on our [website](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone should you have any further questions. Our switchboard will be open from 1030-1330 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, and our admin staff will answer your call and be pleased to help. Other staff may not be immediately available as they will be involved in training, and in meetings preparing for your child's return. However, you can, as always, leave a message for them, and they will get back to you within 24 hours. From Friday onwards, the school switchboard will be open from 0800-1600.

The staff of St Cenydd are very much looking forward to seeing your children and to welcoming our new Y7 pupils to their new school. Although things will be very different, we will, as ever, prioritise your child's happiness, safety, wellbeing and learning. We can't wait to see them!

Yours sincerely

Miss Collins

Headteacher