



Wednesday 14th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Diolch yn fawr

As we break for the summer holiday, I would like to thank you for your support throughout this incredibly challenging academic year. My colleagues and I have done our utmost to provide continuity of learning and to promote wellbeing, often in lengthy periods of genuine anxiety and uncertainty. Knowing that the vast majority of our parents are sympathetic, helpful and kind has been a great source of comfort to my staff team.

September 2021 – Steps to Normality

Following yesterday's publication of further Welsh Government guidance, I would like to clarify our arrangements for the new school year.

All students will return to school on Thursday 2nd September. Our new Year 7 students will receive an important induction package during the first week of term. It is essential that these youngsters and their families are welcomed and supported by all members of our school community.

Each day, the Borrass Road internal gates will open at 8.20am. Children who arrive after 8.40am, when the gates are locked, will report to the main reception and receive a late mark. At the end of the school day, which now returns to 3.00pm for all year groups, students may leave from either the Rhosnesni Lane, Borrass Road or Holt Road external gates.

Uniform and Conduct

Our expectation is that all students will return in full school uniform. Our website provides absolute clarity about Rhosnesni standards. Please do not deviate from the approved styles of clothing and footwear. Students who arrive in uniform that does not meet our requirements will be isolated or sent home to address the matter, depending on the circumstances. Whilst our uniform is extremely affordable, low income families may be eligible for Pupil Development Grants. Please contact Wrexham County Borough Council for further information.

As has been the case for a number of years, the use of mobile phones by our students is strictly prohibited. I cannot stress enough how important your support and co-operation is in this matter. Confiscated phones and other prohibited items, such as jewellery, should be collected from Heads of Year at the end of the school day.

At the beginning of term, new timetables will be issued. Similarly, important arrangements for form tutor periods, assemblies and social times will be explained to all students. Please ensure, at the earliest opportunity, that your child understands where they should routinely be during the school day.

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

It appears that from the start of the new term we will no longer be requiring the routine wearing of face coverings in the classroom for staff or learners. However, robust hand and respiratory hygiene will still be as important as ever. The fundamental principle remains that the most

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effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in our school is to stop infection being brought into our setting. If a child or member of staff tests positive for coronavirus or has any of the COVID-19 symptoms they should self-isolate and not attend school.

Online Updates

It is possible that government guidance may be revised during the summer holiday, in response to the ever changing public health situation. Further updates will be provided before the start of term via the website, our Twitter page and email.

Finally, my colleagues and I would like to wish you a peaceful, healthy and happy summer break. We all want the new term to bring stability and certainty for learners and their families. Whilst Rhosnesni staff, students and parents have undoubtedly proven their resilience and determination during the pandemic, let us hope for clearer and calmer times ahead.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Brant', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Brant
Headteacher