



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Our Ref HL/JSM

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Dear Parent /Carer

I write to inform you of changes to the way our school is operating in the Secondary Phase as of **Monday 30 November 2020**.

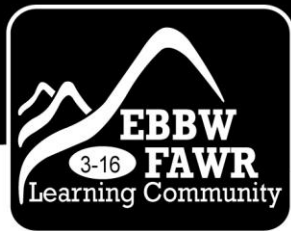
Currently as you know KS3 are taught in wings, in one room, except for PE and are in class and year group bubbles. KS4 are mainly taught in blue wing but access specialist rooms if possible. They are in year group bubbles due to the mixing of pupils in option classes. Also we have three separate breaks and lunchtimes where students are zoned, and pupils are required to wear masks in communal areas. All rooms have sanitizing stations and toilets have been reconfigured. There is excellent ventilation within the school and it's worth noting that our building has really come in to its own over this crisis and we are able to control the ventilation at all times and ensure that clean air is constantly replacing old air within the building.

This system has benefited us in that it has cut down on pupil movement and enabled the school to settle during these difficult times. However it has also meant that KS3 pupils have a very limited curriculum in that they are not able to go to their specialist teaching rooms in Science, Technology, Art, textiles, Food, ICT, Drama, and Music. This is also an issue for some KS4 classes.

After a full review of our operating procedures which included staff, pupils, governors, parents, LEA Health and Safety and Environmental Health, we have decided that as from **Monday 30 November**, all students will be taught in their normal timetabled teaching rooms. This means that all students will have access to all subject areas and staff will return to their own rooms. The three break and three lunches will remain and new markings will be added to the corridors to direct student travel. In order to prepare the school for this change the **Secondary Phase will close to pupils on Friday 27 November**.

With this new system students will still remain in their class and year group bubbles but have full access to a broad and balanced curriculum. They will pass students from other bubbles when walking to lessons but this contact will be fleeting, and will be mitigated by a new walk on the left system, tighter control of the wearing of masks, and excellent ventilation. We have talked to other schools who have been operating a full timetable since September, (For example Brynmawr in Blaenau Gwent) and there is no evidence of an increase in transmission through operating a full timetable. However in order to implement this new system we will be tightening up on;





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- The wearing of masks when walking between lessons. All pupils have been issued with masks from the government.
- The need to follow the new walk on the left markings.

Any student found to be constantly flouting these rules will be sanctioned according to our Behaviour Policy, which has been adapted to reflect Covid procedures.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and support during these difficult times. As ever if you would like to speak to me about any of the issues noted above please arrange a phone call through Jacqui Meredith.

Yours faithfully

Huw Lloyd
Headteacher

