



16/02/2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Next Half Term Arrangements

All students will return to school on Monday 28th February and as the school reopens, I wanted to update you on the way we will be working for the remainder of the term, and to highlight some changes in the Welsh Government guidance which will affect us all.

1. Face coverings:

After half term face-coverings will no longer be required in classrooms. They should however, continue to be worn in all indoor other communal indoor spaces – such as corridors and the canteen. This also applies on school transport.

2. Lateral Flow testing:

It is recommended now that all secondary school staff and students return to testing twice a week before entering school using LFDs (on Sunday evening/Monday morning, and Wednesday evening/Thursday morning) and record their results online [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result). If you have not yet given permission for your child to receive LFD tests from us and to use them accordingly, please get in touch with the pastoral team who will give you the relevant information you need, or alternatively, you can give your permission by clicking the appropriate link on our website here: https://www.aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk/en_gb/covid-19-lft-testing/

3. Isolation for positive C19 cases:

On 05/01/22 a written statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services stated that those showing no symptoms who have a positive lateral flow test, will no longer be advised to have a follow-up PCR test unless advised to do so otherwise by TTP. If, however, any student has symptoms of COVID-19, they should book a PCR test as soon as possible. In either case, students receiving a positive test result should self-isolate. The isolation period remains at 10 days, but if your child records negative lateral flow tests on **day 5 and day 6** of the isolation period, they may finish their isolation early on **day 6** (and return to school).

4. Household contacts:

This term, in line with national guidance, we are asking students who have been in close contact with family members testing positive to complete a daily lateral flow test for a period of 7 days. As long as these tests remain negative, your child may continue to attend school.

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In other news

Away from Coronavirus, we have a number of other exciting events coming up that I want to make you aware of in advance:

1. World book day: On Thursday March 3rd we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for the school library and the world book day charity itself. We would like to encourage students to wear 'fancy dress', dressed as a literary or media character of your choice and there will be prizes for the best outfits.
2. Cable Street: There will be performances of the latest National Theatre Connections play for students to watch at 3.30pm on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March. If any parents would like to see the play, there is an opportunity to join the socially distanced audience on Thursday 10th March at 6.00pm-6.45pm. Please contact the school by email richard.burrows@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk if you would like a ticket.
3. Interim reports: we would welcome your feedback on the structure of the interim reports we sent out a few weeks ago. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know what you think. We are currently sending reports electronically by email and through the SchoolComms App – if you have not received your report, please contact reception in the first instance who will be able to assist.

I am sure you will appreciate what a challenging time this continues to be for the school community, but I hope you find this summary useful. If you have any questions, or need any specific support for your child as they return to school after half term, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With many thanks for all your support so far this term and best wishes for a restful half term break,

Ian Gerrard
Headteacher.

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