

Ysgol Bro Gwaun

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Dear parent/carer,

As we head towards the end of this half term I would like to update you on developments at the school and on our plans moving forward.

Covid-19 procedures.

You may have heard on the news that Welsh Government have made the decision to relax some of the rules regarding school procedures. We continue to await detailed instructions, but our understanding is that Local Authorities and schools will revert to a local decision making framework after half term, where operational decisions are made at Local Authority and School level. With this in mind and based on the information we have received so far, our intentions are to apply a measured and graded reduction to our current high level of mitigation procedures. These will include:

- Removing the expectation that pupils wear masks during lessons. However we will allow pupils to continue to wear masks in lessons if they wish. Pupils will still be expected to wear masks as they move around school.
- Reverting to twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing for pupils and staff (from the current three times per week).
- No longer carrying out pupil temperature checks as they arrive at school.

We will continue with our other procedures for the time-being in the hope that we can further remove these in the near future. These include:

- continuing with hand sanitizing and wiping down procedures before and at the end of lessons;
- promoting ventilation through open windows and doors;
- daytime cleaners on site;
- maintaining our one way system;
- continuing with staggered breaks and lunches and pupil zones.

We will also continue to allow pupils to wear school PE kit on days when they have PE, although our intention is to move back to wearing full school uniform on all days in the near future.

School Production of We Will Rock You.

We are delighted to announce that our school production will go-ahead on the evenings of the 8th-10th March. We hope you will be able to join us to enjoy this hit musical, which our pupils have been preparing for since September. The performance will last around two hours with a shortened toilet break in the middle. There will be no refreshments for sale. We will operate in line with WG procedures with a restricted capacity for each of the shows. The hall will also be well ventilated and we ask that you wear face masks during the show unless you are exempt.

Details of performances and how to purchase tickets will be shared with you in due course.

Key dates.

Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th March- school production of We Will Rock You

Wednesday 9th March – HPV vaccinations for Year 8 pupils (please return consent forms by Monday 28th February)

Wednesday 9th March- Year 7 'Crime Time' carousel day.

Tuesday 15th March – Year 10 Health Day

Thursday 17th – Tuesday 22nd March- year 7 school examinations

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Wednesday 23rd March Year 10 Parents Evening (online using school-cloud app)
Thursday 24th March- Year 7 careers day
Wednesday 30th March – Certificate/Prize evening
Friday 8th April – End of Term

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a safe and enjoyable half term.

Paul Edwards