

Ysgol Uwchradd Whitmore High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware, schools will re-open for learners on Monday 29 June for a four-week period. The main purpose of this will be an opportunity for learners to check-in, catch up and prepare for September with staff. During this period, we will continue to teach remotely using 'Google classroom' as well as attending school. It is essential that learners carry on with their remote learning in all subjects.

Please find below a brief outline of how we plan to open. The school will not exceed 30% of children on site at any given time. This being the case, we will offer each learner a reduced, yet equal time in school.

Whitmore High School Outline Plan

A whole year group will be invited in for a 3-hour pupil day, 9.00 – 12.00 for the 4-week period. Each pupil will have access to 4 sessions. (Specific times will be sent out in the next week)

Year 7 - Monday
Year 8 - Tuesday
Year 9 - Wednesday
Year 10 - Thursday
Year 12 - Friday

The timings are planned to allow for a deep clean of the school in the afternoon.

Pupil Groupings

Each year group will be split into groups of between 8 and 10 pupils dependent on the size of the room they are allocated to. The pupil group will remain the same for the 4-week period and will always be housed in the same room.

Learning Plan

Year 7 & 8

Health & Wellbeing/Humanities/Expressive Arts focus

All work set will be subject based and linked to the online learning. It will also be linked to the Covid 19 crisis in the hope that it will allay fears. There will also be a pastoral wellbeing input.



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Year 9 & 10

English/Maths/Science focus

All work set will be subject based and linked to online learning. It will be designed to be a check in with learners and to re-build confidence. There will also be a pastoral wellbeing input.

Year 12

Option subjects will be delivered over the 4-week period with a 2/3 hour session per week. Pupils will be based in option groups (these groups will be divided if above the 8-10 number threshold) and each group will have one session with their class teacher over the 4-week period. There will also be a pastoral wellbeing/UCAS input.

Summary

Each year group will have one 3-hour day per week in school. They will be in a 'bubble' of 8/10 students, with 1-2 teachers and placed in a designated classroom following strict social distancing guidelines.

- This will remain as their classroom for the duration of the term
- Classrooms will have a named toilet area for the pupils to use
- Each classroom will be deep cleaned at the end of the day and sanitised
- Students should wear their uniform and will be advised that uniform should be washed each day upon the student returning home
- Students will need to bring their own drink/snacks to school, which will be eaten at their desks. There will be no canteen facility. Breaks will be in their teaching room.
- Transport will be provided but the advice is that, where possible, pupils should make their own way to school.

As you will appreciate, everyone is working tirelessly to ensure first and foremost that the school is safe, and secondly that the time in school is beneficial for the pupils. We will be creating a detailed guide that will explain all of the measures we will need to take to help keep everyone safe. This will include information to support you, students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Innes Robinson Head of School