

Ysgol Uwchradd Whitmore High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a good Christmas holiday. The school reopens for all pupils on Thursday 6th January. Teachers have been given two days to prepare for any eventualities caused by the current Covid situation. It is our intention to run the school in accordance with Welsh Government guidance and hopefully this means we can run the school with as little disruption as possible. We will keep you informed of any day to day changes that may be needed, if Covid absence increases over the next few weeks. No decisions are made lightly, with the pupils always at the front of any choices made.

To help the school run safely and smoothly we are asking all parents and pupils to support the following procedures:

- Masks to be worn by all pupils in classrooms and corridors (unless pupils are exempt for medical reasons)
- One-way systems are adhered to throughout the school day
- All pupils to adhere to specific seating plans in classrooms
- Lateral flow testing is encouraged for all pupils before school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (the school can supply any testing kits needed)
- Any positive lateral flow test should be followed up by a PCR test
- When a positive test is confirmed, pupils should isolate for a period of 7 days and only return in light of two negative lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7 of isolation. If LFT is still positive, then pupils should isolate for the full 10 days
- Any pupil with symptoms of Covid must obtain a PCR test a soon as possible. Pupils can return immediately if the test result is negative

If you are unsure at any time about the school's Covid procedures, do not hesitate to contact the school. Please be aware that changes could be made on a day to day basis. We will endeavour to limit the disruption caused, with school closure being a last resort only in extreme circumstances.

Please keep checking our website for any further updates.

Many thanks

Innes Robinson Head Teacher