

# Queen Elizabeth High

## Update for Parents - 28<sup>th</sup>



Good morning all,

I hope this update finds both you and your family well and by thanking you all for continued support of community and school.

Having had a very successful fortnight welcoming students safely back to school, and this week we have been able to focus on embedding routines with the students.

### **Safety and Wellbeing**

Our Safety and Wellbeing remain paramount.

### **Current Plans/Risk assessment**

Please find attached with this email the newly updated County Risk assessment for schools.

### **Safety measures and Hygiene**

It is as important as ever to employ the safe practices and routines in lessons and around school that will keep us all safe. Outlined below are some key reminders for pupils:

- Please wear face coverings when moving around the building or in situations where you cannot maintain a 2m safe distance.
- Wash and sanitise hands at every opportunity. **Please ensure that you sanitise your hands on entry and exit to your classroom.**

Classroom based teachers are best placed to develop and maintain the routines in those classrooms that keep everyone safe. However, it is fundamentally important that we all remain vigilant, both for our own health and those around us both in school and at home.

### **Break Time Supervision and Lunchtimes**

The arrangements for provision of food at lunchtimes are now well established and the system is working well. We have, this week now introduced break time provision for Year 7 and 8. Can I remind pupils that the Year 7 servery is via the window outside of the canteen. **Year 7 should not enter the canteen at break times.** Year 8 are served via the hatch in the canteen; they should be the only Year group in the canteen area.

### **Public Health Wales Guidance**

Please find attached Public Health Wales guidance. It takes the form of s FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions), is straightforward and informative.

### **Test Trace Protect**

1. If a pupil presents with one of the three symptoms associated with Covid-19;  
(a) new CONTINUOUS cough, (b) a high temperature, or (c) Loss of smell or taste

a member of SLT will be called immediately. There is no cause for alarm at this point and the pupil can wait in their classroom or corridor area.

If a pupil goes home from school with Covid symptoms, school will contact Delta Wellbeing on their behalf. Parents no longer need to be asked to inform Delta Wellbeing unless pupils develop symptoms outside school hours. School will also inform Delta of pupils who are absent and have left a message to say their illness is due to Covid symptoms.

Parents should arrange a test by calling **119** or using the website. **Tests cannot be booked through Delta Wellbeing.**

Pupils who have displayed Covid symptoms cannot return to school until they have proof of a negative result or need to wait until 10 days after the onset of symptoms. The rest of the household will also need to self-isolate until a negative result is returned, or 14 days have passed.

The school will let parents and staff know immediately if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus.

### **Easy to follow guides**

Some of the information regarding symptoms, what to do and when to test can be quite confusing; please find accompanying this update a guide published by the authority that helps answer some of these questions.

### **Christmas Holidays**

**The last day of this term will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> are designated as INSET days. Closing the school for two weeks over the Christmas Holiday is viewed as a key “circuit breaker” to help ventilate the building and reduce the potential spread of the Covid virus.

### **Face Coverings**

We will be issuing a new batch of face coverings to pupils who need them in registration this morning. Can parents please urge pupils to take care of them. As well as the obvious health and safety benefits, providing face coverings for every individual child comes at a cost and pupils need to take sufficient care of them. In addition, there is an environmental impact to discarding them improperly. Please look after our community and the environment.

Can I also remind learners that **face coverings will need to be worn at all times on school transport.** This is an important part of the County Council policy.

### **Hand washing/Hygiene and ventilation**

It is more important than ever to maintain hygiene. Can parents please encourage pupils and students to hand wash and hand sanitise at every opportunity.

Can I end this update by thanking you once again for your support this week. While there is no foreseeable short-term end to the Covid pandemic, I am confident that by continuing to work as a community and taking proper responsibility for ourselves and others around us we will be able to meet the challenges that come together. Please keep safe and look after one another.

**Kind regards,**

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