

# Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Practical arrangements for the wider reopening of Ysgol Harri Tudur / Henry Tudor School

Firstly, thank you so much to all of the parents who have expressed their support and understanding of the circumstances that we are currently working in. We understand that a number of you remain concerned about the coronavirus pandemic and that you would prefer your children not to attend school at the moment. We also understand that many of you wish to move on and get back to normality and to return to our lives prior to lockdown. Coronavirus is still with us, we all have a responsibility to ensure that we make every contribution to reduce the risk of infection and cross contamination for all who access the school wherever and whenever possible. We also recognise the viewpoints of those who think we should try to live with the coronavirus, which is still of course a global pandemic.

Safety is absolutely paramount for our Pupils, Staff, Students, Governors and therefore our wider community. We make no apologies for that and is at the heart of all of our decision making. Therefore, thank you for your patience, your understanding and your assistance.

All schools will have different approaches to the next phase, there are also multiple guidelines to be implemented and considered whilst planning, the most significant of these are health and safety and the size of the school, its total pupil cohort. The Welsh Government has asked schools to "Check in, Catch up and Prepare for September 2020". Kirsty Williams, Education Minister has said "We will use the last weeks of the summer term to make sure pupils, staff and parents are prepared - mentally, emotionally and practically - for the new normal in September".

Please be assured that our virtual school continues for everyone around the next phase, up to and including Thursday July 23rd. If you/your child is experiencing technical difficulties please contact [workingfromhome@yht.wales](mailto:workingfromhome@yht.wales). If you are concerned about your child please contact [wellbeing@yht.wales](mailto:wellbeing@yht.wales) and if you would like help or clarification on any aspect of teaching and learning at this time please contact Mr Crichton, Deputy Headteacher on [tcrichton@yht.wales](mailto:tcrichton@yht.wales).

All parents and carers must ensure that their child/children DO NOT show symptoms of the virus before entering the school. If a child has:

- Continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of smell
- Loss of taste

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**All parents are reminded of this essential information that needs to be provided to the school:**

1. Are you, your child or anyone in your household a confirmed case of COVID-19/Coronavirus?
2. Do you, your child or anyone in your household have symptoms – a new continuous cough and / OR a high temperature, loss of smell or taste;
3. Are you, your child or anyone in your household in self-isolation?

They should not attend school and will not be permitted access to the building. Please follow the guidelines in the link.

<https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

**Access to and from our school site**

All pupils will be expected to observe 2 metres social distancing whilst queuing on entry into the school site and the school building. Pupils are able to enter the site via the reception courtyard and invited to the external hand washing basins. They will use the normal pupil entrances. **Pupils should NOT arrive at the site before the designated session time. External gates will be open during high footfall and then closed once all pupils of that year group/ House have arrived at school in line with the building's site security arrangements.**

If parents are transporting/walking pupils to school, parents are required to leave the area adjacent to the site immediately. Pupils may use the 2 bike sheds to meet the increased demand of pupils cycling to school.

All parents must please remind pupils of the importance of:

Maintaining social distancing

If pupils persistently fail to adhere to the 2m social distancing requirement, parents will be requested to collect their child who will then continue with their learning remotely.

Pupils will be required to wash their hands and use hand sanitisers on arrival at classrooms, staff will be located on entrance points to ensure that all pupils wash their hands and use hand sanitiser on entry. Pupils should enter the building by the front reception and pupil entrance, pupils have been allocated a base room and will remain in that room for the whole session. Breaks have been staggered and pupils will be allocated an external area of the school yard for the duration of the break. Pupils will be able to access the toilets during their break. The toilets will be monitored and cleaned after every use and social distancing will still apply. Teaching/Support Staff will greet pupils at their base room door when the pupils arrive at the start of their session. Pupils may be required to sit in a seating plan arranged and decided by their mentor. The mentor and pupils will be required to monitor social distancing protocol at all times. At the end of the session the pupils will be dismissed one by one to ensure social distancing and prevent congestion in corridors. The corridors will be monitored by teachers as pupils will be dismissed.

The school has adopted a new one-way system and this will be clearly marked. All pupils will be provided with an induction briefing to ensure they are aware of the new procedures and requirements. A video will shortly be available on our website to show pupils and parents the adaptations to the building.

Please ensure that children bring their pen and snacks/drinks that are needed for the session as the Refectory is closed and as part of our risk assessment pupils are not able to share equipment.

The Timetable of check in, catch up and prepare for September from June 29th has been posted on our website.

Information will also continue to be regularly posted on our website, and emailed. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back and would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

We will inform you of the arrangements for September as soon as we reasonably can.

Please stay safe and well

Yours sincerely



Mrs F Kite  
Headteacher



Mrs P Thomas  
Chair of Governing Body