



25th June 2020

Welcome back to school 'Check in, Catch up and Prepare'

I am sure you understand it has been a very busy few weeks and I would like to thank you all for your patience and kind messages and also to thank all of my staff for working tirelessly alongside me to put in place a plan for our learners. Our plan has been carefully thought out, and follows all the WAG guidance to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 though it is not something that we can promise to eliminate completely.

As you may have seen recently, Pembrokeshire County Council have announced that they are fully supportive of the fourth week being added to this term. The staff at MHS are pleased with this decision as we are keen to offer as much support to our learners as we can at this time. I am extremely grateful to my dedicated staff for agreeing to volunteer to work this additional week of the summer term. We recognise that this is not the right time for all of our learners to return to school, and we respect the right of every family to make an individual decision on what is best for them, however some of our learners need us now more than ever and we want to provide the most comprehensive package of support we can over the next four weeks.

With that in mind, we have been in talks with our cluster schools and fully understand concerns expressed about year 6 pupils who have missed out on the usual transition programme. Although there is unanimous agreement that site visits help prepare year 6 pupils to transition some issues were raised around potential visits to the secondary school during the middle of weeks and then pupils returning to primaries. In order to minimise the risk to all, the heads in our cluster and I, propose that the fourth week that has been added to this term be used to exclusively support the transition of our year 6 pupils into Milford Haven School.

Prior to this week, all other year groups in MHS will have had the opportunity to attend school once a week for the first three weeks until 17th July. Depending on uptake from year 6 we may be able to offer additional spaces for our existing pupils in our fourth week. I need to please ask, once again, that you continue to be patient with us, as you have been throughout the whole lockdown of schools, as we make plans for this additional week to best support all of our learners and plan their experience back at school.

By keeping the transition visits contained within the fourth week of this term it means that there will be no mixture of pupils in the other year groups and we are able to give year 6 pupils an opportunity to undergo a transition programme with us before the Autumn term.

The final structure of the week is yet to be decided as we need to see how many of our year 6 parents would like their children to take part in this transition experience. If numbers are low we will of course adapt our plan for more time with our current pupils as previously stated.

It would be helpful for all families of year 6 pupils in our catchment area to complete the following google form by going to the link attached. <https://forms.gle/xnHYHEDKFnfWtHs38> completion will be needed by **Wednesday 1st July 1pm.**

I look forward to receiving your replies to help us plan for this exciting transition opportunity. Thank you once again for your patience and support during this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely

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