



Milford Haven School
Ysgol Gyfun Aberdaugleddau



TOGETHER ASPIRE, TOGETHER ACHIEVE

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Headteacher / Prifathro: Ms C-A Morris

Update 23rd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to thank all of you for your support over the last term. It has been the strangest school term I think any of us have ever experienced, and yet as predicted our Milford Haven School Community rose to the challenge. We have had to physically keep our distance, and yet many of us have felt closer than ever before. We have been overwhelmed with the words of support from pupils and their families during this pandemic, and I do hope you feel satisfied with our efforts to provide a curriculum and continued learning opportunities for your children during the last four months.

It has been wonderful to greet some of our learners in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 for additional learning this week, and to also make it possible for our year 6 learners to join us for two days transition. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make it possible for us to successfully welcome back our pupils. We have missed the children very much and have enjoyed seeing the students who have come into school over the last four weeks. Behaviour and attitude to learning has been excellent, and they have coped incredibly well with a very different school experience.

As well as wanting to express my thanks to you all for the last few months, I would also like to set out in this letter some of the preparations we are making ready for our return in September. Our plans for September will also be placed on the website under the COVID 19 section. Please do keep checking the website and our social media platforms as we expect there to be more important information shared and potentially some changes before September 1st.

School will be open for most of the summer but will close for two weeks from Monday 27th July to Friday 7th August. Results day letters have been sent separately for our learners in key stage 4 and 5 and these can also be found on our website. Pupils collecting results have had this information to explain the process and timings, it is vital that you check these details prior to attending to collect your results.

Our new deputy, Mr Rob Berry, will be sending out a letter before the end of term detailing our school uniform policy and expectations, this is to help our school community prepare for the September start.

At the outset, we want to share as much information as we can with you to understand the arrangements that will be in place from September. Planning and preparation days will take place at the start of term to review risk assessment, processes and systems to ensure Milford Haven School can welcome pupils back safely. Planning for September has been difficult due to the uncertainty around social distancing. However, as a school we welcome the Education Minister's plan to have all pupils return in September.

Our intention in offering a combination of days on and off site is to ensure that all year groups have an opportunity to become accustomed to the school, the new arrangements and to allow them the opportunity to settle in before we become our usual busy community. This will also enable us to test arrangements and make adjustments where necessary. Our fundamental aim is to have a safe, well-organised and welcoming return to school.

At this time the plans for pupils return are as follows:

	Thurs 3rd Sept	Fri 4/9	Mon 7/9	Tues 8/9	Weds 9/9	Thurs 10/9	Fri 11/9
7		In school		In school	In school		In school
8			In school		In school	In school	In school
9			In school	In school		In school	In school
10		In school		In school		In school	In school
11	In school		In school		In school		In school
13	In school	In school	In school	In school	In school	In school	In school

Therefore all pupils will be back on the school site TOGETHER on Friday 11th September in advance of the Minister's plan for all to return by Monday 14th September 2020.

From the 14th September 2020 school attendance will be compulsory. Parents/carers are asked to contact school if a pupil is unable to attend for any legitimate reason.

When not in school, the students will still be expected to undertake some learning. We will support them with this.

Canteen / lunch provision

The Canteen will be operating as soon as pupils return in September, but please remember that the school can no longer take money into the machines and that these will need to be topped up in advance of your/daughter coming into school. At this moment in time we are hoping that pupils will be able to preorder food on their phones before coming to school and then collect from a grab and go station, but we are awaiting confirmation and will update you as soon as we know.

Uniform

All pupils will be expected to wear our full school uniform and PE kit as described in the uniform letter published today. Please don't worry if you are unable to obtain some items, just contact the school and we can discuss the best way to support you.

Transport

It is our understanding that the bus service will run as normal from September. Based on recent information pupils will be expected to wear masks while travelling on the school bus. This may be subject to change and we will update our website if necessary.

Masks

There is no expectation for pupils or staff to wear masks in school. However they will be required for use on school and public transport.

Updates

We will continue to update the website and our social media channels as, and when, we are given further information. I would ask that you regularly check all in case of any changes.

INSET days-

01.09.2020
02.09.2020
04.01.2021
01.02.2021
12.04.2021
05.07.2021
19.07.2021
20.07.2021

Finally, we would like to thank you. These past few months have placed additional stresses on everyone, but particularly for parents and carers who have had to quickly adjust to educating their children at home at a time which is already very challenging.

I hope that you find this letter helpful and thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these unprecedented times and I will write to you again at the end of August holidays with further details. In the meantime, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday, please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



Ms Ceri Ann Morris
Headteacher