



5ed Tachwedd 2021 / 5th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sending this letter to make you aware of a number of changes that are being implemented at MHS. As you will hopefully already be aware, Pembrokeshire County Council and the First Minister have announced recent updates in the guidance and advice regarding Covid-19. Pembrokeshire IMT (Incident Management Team) have reviewed the local position against the WG infection control framework, and as such have raised the risk rating for school settings from 'Moderate' to 'High'. Therefore I thought this letter would be helpful to advise you of the impact of these changes for our Milford Haven School family for this half term.

The Wearing of Face Coverings

The Local Authority recommends that face coverings are now to be worn by pupils when moving around indoor communal areas outside of the classroom, such as corridors, where physical distance cannot be maintained. We would, therefore, request that your child brings a face covering with them each day. Please note that the wearing of face coverings in communal areas at Milford Haven School includes all school visitors, school staff and pupils unless they are medically exempt.

Self- Isolation Rules

As of Friday 29 October, the First Minister has revised the approach to self-isolation in Wales. If a member of your household tests positive, the advice now is that all other family members who are double vaccinated or under the age of 17, should book a PCR test and remain at home until the result is received. Following a negative test result, pupils may return to school, whilst continuing to take a daily lateral flow test for five days. Should the result be positive, pupils will need to isolate for ten days. You can book a PCR test either online at GOV.UK or telephone 119 between 7am and 11pm (calls are free).

Pupil Progress Evenings

Our **year 11** progress evening on **Thursday 11th November** will now be held online, further details will be shared with you shortly including information on how to book appointments to speak to staff for updates on your child's progress. Likewise, the **year 10** progress evening on **Thursday 25th November** will also take place online and information will be shared with you closer to the time.

Senior Certificate Evening

Our Senior Certificate Evening always provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of past learners and remains a highlight of the school calendar. Given the changes to the local risk rating, the decision has been made to postpone the event from Thursday 16th December to Thursday 30th June 2022. Should any year 11/13 learners who left in August 2021 wish to collect their GCSE/A level certificates in advance of this date, they will be available for collection from the main office from 1st December.

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to protect our school community.
Yours faithfully,

Ms Ceri-Ann Morris

Headteacher