



Friday 18th February / **Dydd Gwener Chwefror 18fed**

Dear Parent/Carer / **Annwyl Riant/Ofalwr**

February half term update

Firstly can I start by thanking everyone for doing their best to keep our Milford Haven and wider community safe. In particular for the continuing increase to learners taking up the LFT testing and to those now who have also increased this to test 3 times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Following the half term, Welsh Government are recommending that this be reduced back to twice weekly LFT - Tuesdays and Fridays and report the result via the Welsh Government website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> with any absence to be reported to school in the usual way.

On Friday 11th February, we received an update from the Welsh Government. It confirms that schools will move back to using the Local Infection Control Decision Framework and Pembrokeshire County Council have explained that this is likely to follow the moderate control measures. This will start upon our **return to school on Monday 28th February**, if there is any change we will keep you informed.

Face coverings are still encouraged for all pupils but will no longer be mandatory. Staff and visitors, however, will still be required to wear face coverings when entering the school building, moving around indoors and in communal areas. Face coverings will no longer be recommended in the classroom unless physical distance cannot be maintained. Please note that all staff and visitors must wear face coverings unless medically exempt.

Whilst we want to minimise the disruption to children's learning, we will continue with some of our mitigating measures. Therefore, some existing measures that will remain under the moderate safety measures include: our one-way system to facilitate movement around the school safely, split breaks, regular hand washing and use of hand sanitisers throughout the school. Enrichment will continue to be available in key stages.

We would like to again thank our parents for continuing to support and encourage our pupils to follow our high expectations and school rules of **READY, RESPECT, SAFE**. This includes: arriving at school on time, wearing the correct [uniform](#), being respectful to staff and peers and continuing with positive [behaviour](#).

As we think of the term ahead, I would like to remind you of some dates for your diary. These are listed in your parent calendar, but please continue to check our website, social media, and the school SIMs ParentApp, which we will keep up to date regularly.

- St Davids day celebration [Letter to Parents/Carers](#)
- Thursday 3rd March Year 9 Pupil Progress Evening 3:30pm–6:30pm online.
- Welsh Transition Concert 6:00pm – 8:00pm - This has now **moved to 23/6/22** following discussion with the Headteachers in the Cluster across Milford Haven.
- Monday 7th March Family Forum (this will remain online, however it is hoped that this will return to face to face for the final meeting of the year).
- Tuesday 8th March Maths and Numeracy Parental Workshop 4:30-5.30pm by invitation only.
- Wednesday 9th March Year 8 reports issued
- Wednesday 9th March Year 8 Virtual Options Event goes live
- Friday 11th March Years 7, 9, 11 Pupil Progress Reports issued
- Monday 14th March – 25th March Year 7 Exams classroom based
- Tuesday 15th March- Year 7 and 8 Crime Time event
- Wednesday 16th March – Friday 18th March School Production of 'Our House'

- Friday 18th March - Year 8 options deadline
- Monday 21st March to 1st April year 11 mocks. A timetable will be shared with the pupils when finalised. A small number of practical assessments will be completed by our year 11 pupils outside of these times.
- Wednesday 30th March to Friday 1st April Year 10 Welsh Orals - individual pupil times and days will be shared
- Monday 4th April to Wednesday 6th April Year 11 Welsh Orals- individual pupil times and days will be shared
- Thursday 24th March KS4 Parental Engagement Evening - Steynton Hall
- Thursday 31st March Year 10 reports issued
- **Easter holiday** commences Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April 2022
- Monday 25th April is a local authority directed **INSET day** and school will be closed to learners.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding through these ever changing and sometimes challenging times and that we continue to work together to support the children in our community. I wish you and your family a relaxing and safe half term break.

Yours faithfully / **Gyda diolch**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C A Morris', written in a cursive style.

Ms C A Morris
Headteacher / Pennaeth yr Ysgol