



St. Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School
Ysgol Uwchradd Catholig ac Anglicanaidd Sant Joseff



Weekly Bulletin ~ Bwletin Wythnosol

Summer Term ~ 6th May 2022

This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, when you created the world you created time.

Our lives are hectic and messy; we never seem to have enough time, and waste the time we do have.

Guide us, o Lord; bring order to our minds and lives.

Establish your priorities in our hearts and help us focus on the essential.

Let us seek you first.

May your Word teach us and your Spirit guide us.

Show us when to ask for help or when to say no, keep us sharp and focused, and give us strength to resist the temptations that lead us away from your will.

Your Son gives us eternal life, but our time on earth is short. So manage our time, Lord, as you see fit. We can do all things through you, as we are saved by Christ and loved by God.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dates for the Diary

12th May

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

13th May

Year 8 Fundraising Day [Non-uniform]

16th May

GCSEs begin

19th May

Year 9 HPV vaccinations

27th May

School closes to pupils [3.30pm]

6th June

School opens to pupils

23rd June

Year 11 Prom

27th June

Sports Day

8th July

Year 7 Fundraising Day [Non-uniform]

Athletics

We congratulate Year 9 girls for coming first overall; Year 9 boys for coming second overall; Year 10 girls second overall, and Year 10 boys third overall in this week's athletics events at Queensway. Well done to all who participated, but especially to Ella Davis, 9 Kolbe who broke a 22-year old record for the 800 metres.

Awards Assemblies

This week we have held our extended assemblies to recognise the achievement of the huge number of pupils who contribute to the life of the school, and who perform consistently well in individual subjects. Well done to all those who have been recognised!

Safeguarding

Childline offers free confidential counselling for any young person with any problem, on 0800 1111, and via their website for an online chat. Their website also has information about issues that young people may experience, and ideas and activities for positive ways of coping. Some young people and their parents or carers may find this useful.

Pupil Absence

If your child is too poorly to attend school, it is important that school is made aware of the absence before 9am. Please telephone 01978 360310 or email attendancep6@hwbcymru.net as we appreciate the phone lines can be busy in the mornings.

Vaccinations

Thursday 12th May - Year 8 HPV

Thursday 19th May - Year 9 HPV

Tuesday 5th July - Year 9 DTP & Menacwy (re-scheduled session)

Attendance Matters

This week's whole school attendance is **95.1%**.

Year	Cassidy	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Year Average
7	98.6	98.5	98.4	92.4	95.7	96.7
8	96.1	98.9	97.6	96.4	93.0	96.4
9	97.4	90.2	96.1	98.4	93.0	95.0
10	98.6	93.1	95.9	90.9	91.2	93.9
11	98.8	93.9	92.4	88.4	94.8	93.7
Family Average	97.9	94.9	96.1	93.3	93.5	



SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR CODE

TO BE SAFE

- When the bus arrives, wait for it to stop before boarding
- Get on and off the bus carefully – pushing or rushing can cause accidents
- Always wear your seat belt and stay in your seat for the whole journey – it could save your life
- On a school bus, stay in your seat for the whole journey
- On a public bus, find a seat if one is available
- Store your bag or other belongings safely and out of anyone's way
- Let the driver drive without distraction during the journey
- Take care of the bus
- Never spit or smoke
- Never be rude to other learners or the driver
- Never interfere with driver controls or safety equipment
- Never throw anything in or from the bus
- Only operate the bus doors or exits in an emergency and don't get off the bus until it has stopped
- Always follow the instructions of the driver or passenger assistant
- If there is an accident, stay on the bus until you are told to leave – but leave the bus by the safest exit if it is unsafe to stay on the bus
- When crossing the road find a safe place where you can be seen by all other drivers
- Please tell a teacher, parent or driver about any bad behaviour you see

Important Information

Covid-19 – UPDATE continued

People in the clinically extremely vulnerable group include:

- Solid organ transplant recipients
- People with specific cancers:
 - People with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radical radiotherapy for lung cancer
 - People with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment
 - People having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
 - People having other targeted cancer treatments which can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
 - People who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
- People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- People with severe single organ disease (e.g. Liver, Cardio, Renal, Neurological).
- People with rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell).
- People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection.
- Adults with Down's syndrome.
- Pregnant women with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired.

If you think there are clinical reasons why you should be added to the Shielding Patient List, you should discuss this with your GP or hospital clinician. They are able to add people to the list if it is clinically appropriate to do so.

There is a [wider group people whose conditions mean they are at an increased risk](#), but are not considered clinically extremely vulnerable. If you are within this group you should be rigorous about following social distancing measures but otherwise follow the same advice as the general

Important Information

Covid-19 - UPDATE

Positive case at school. This applies to children and adults

You must isolate for 5 full days after the day on which you test positive (which is 'Day Zero'). The child or adult can return to school on day 6 if they have no symptoms AND report 2 negative LFDs, taken 24 hours apart on days 5 and 6. If either of these tests are positive, continue to isolate and retest each day until 2 negative tests 24 hours apart OR have isolated for 10 days, whichever is sooner. If symptoms continue past day 10 (especially a fever) do not return to school until these have passed. You may have to take LFDs test routinely to return to school (if a child at primary school testing is not required). If this test is positive at any time within 28 days of your infection, retest each 24 hours until you have a negative result, at which point you may return to school. During the 28 days a positive test in the absence of new cardinal symptoms will not be considered as new infection.

Contacts of a positive case at school. This applies to children and fully vaccinated adults

If between 5 and 18 years or fully vaccinated, you should do a daily LFD test for 7 days. If these remain negative you can return to school and your school's pre-attendance testing programme. If at any point the LFD becomes positive, you must isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance above for positive cases. If you develop symptoms also do a PCR.

Contacts of a positive case at school. Non-fully vaccinated adults

If you are a contact and not fully vaccinated, you must isolate for a full 10 days and may return to school on day 11 if no symptoms, and pre-attendance testing is negative.

Here are 2 Welsh Government links for 'people at increased risk' & 'clinically extremely vulnerable'. See extract from 2nd doc (Aug 21) below also:

[People at increased risk from coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

[Guidance on protecting people defined on medical grounds as clinically extremely vulnerable from coronavirus \(COVID-19\) – previously known as 'shielding' \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#) (last update August 2021)

What we mean by 'clinically extremely vulnerable'

Clinically extremely vulnerable refers to people in Wales who have one of a very specific list of pre-existing and long-term serious health conditions. Based on what we know to date the impact of their pre-existing, long-term health condition on their immune system puts them at high risk of serious illness if they are exposed to coronavirus.