

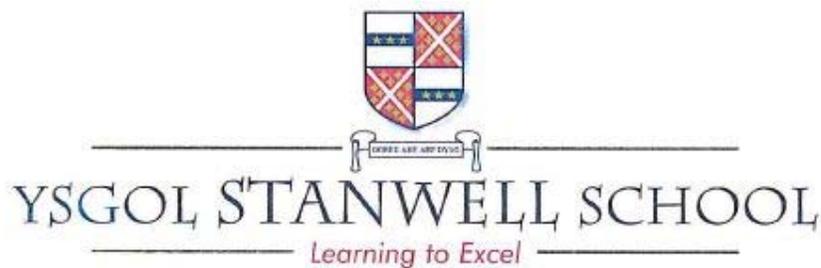
Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to the publication of Welsh Government operational guidance for schools from September 2020, we are able to share with you information on how Stanwell School will be organised from September.

Important dates for the start of the Autumn term are:

Tuesday 1st September 2020	INSET day for staff (no pupils)
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	New Year 7 cohort (Transition Day*)
Thursday 3rd September 2020	Year 7/ Year 11 / All Year 12 / Year 13
Friday 4 th September 2020	Year 7/ Year 11 / All Year 12 / Year 13
From Monday 7 th September 2020	All pupils in all Year Groups: Years 7 / 8 / 9/ 10 / 11 /12 / 13

Please note that all the information below may change based on any further Welsh Government and/or Local Authority guidance that may be issued between this point in time and 25th August 2020. We will email all parents/carers on 26th August 2020 to confirm or change current planning arrangements and we will also email all Year 8-13 students on their Stanwell webmail accounts with their individual instructions on 26th August. The full risk assessment for the September re-opening will also be published on our school website www.stanwell.org on 26th August for you to read/download.



Essential prevention measures:

- Any member of the school community experiencing symptoms of Covid 19 or who has been exposed to a symptomatic person must stay at home and request a test.
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene built into school culture supported by behaviour expectations.
- Increased and enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- Active engagement with Test, Trace, Protect.
- Structure of the school day planned to reduce contact between groups of students as much as possible with staggered arrival and exit times, break and lunch times and entrances and exits.
- Modifications to classrooms and corridor systems.
- Staff to maintain distance from learners and other staff as much as possible.

Attendance of pupils:

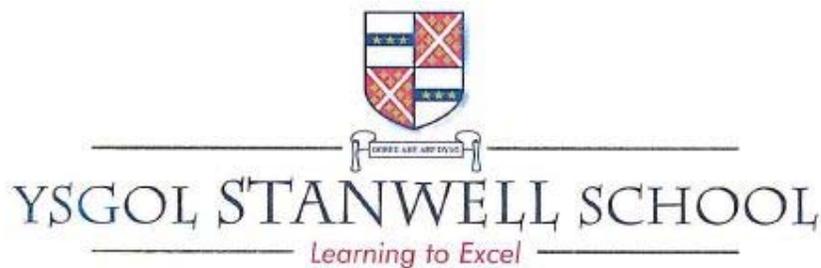
- School attendance for all pupils is compulsory unless they are medically unfit to attend.
- Shielding advice for pupils and staff will be updated in August and will form part of our August 26th communication to all parents/carers.

Breadth of curriculum:

- Pupils will follow their normal school timetable and will be taught their full range of subjects by specialist teaching staff.
- We continue to plan for all eventualities; please could all parents/carers return the consent forms for interactive online learning.

School uniform and equipment:

- Full school uniform is required from September and normal uniform rules on jewellery, make-up and hair dye will apply.
- New Year 7 pupils have been told to wear PE kit on their first day. All other year groups should wear full school uniform. After the first day, if pupils have a PE lesson on their timetable, they should wear PE kit to school on that day. They can wear plain black or navy jogging bottoms and a plain white T-shirt but no branded sportswear, please.
- Pupils will need a pencilcase with the appropriate stationery and Maths equipment. They will be given all exercise books/text books needed.
- If pupils wish to bring their own handgel/antibiotic wipes then they are welcome to do so.



Transport:

- Information on school buses is expected to be released by the Local Authority over the summer and will be communicated to parents in the August 26th email.

Catering:

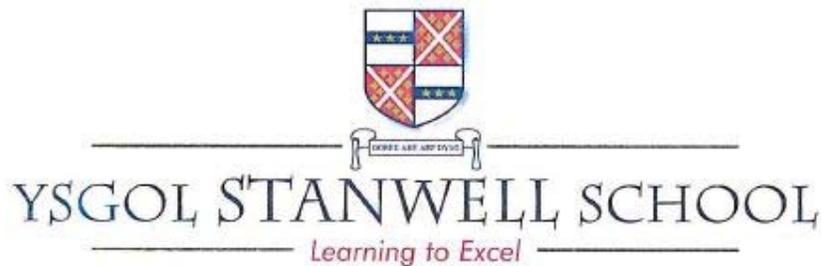
- The school's catering facilities will be open from September 2nd for pupils to purchase food and drinks on their fobs from a reduced menu. Pupils can also bring a packed lunch.

Clubs:

- There will be no extra-curricular clubs or assemblies for the first half term subject to review. Peripatetic music lessons, breakfast club and the whole-school homework clubs will be the only activities running.

We have also written to all pupils on their Stanwell webmail accounts today to outline the September arrangements from a pupil's perspective; it may be helpful to some children/families to use the questions and answers in that email to talk through any apprehensions that may appear over the summer holidays. I have included the email sent to pupils at the end of this message in bold for ease of access. We have also published a copy of the Welsh Technical Advisory Group (TAG) report on our school website for your information. This report provided the scientific and technical advice to Government and recommends that schools plan to open with 100% of pupils physically present on school sites, subject to a continuing steady decline in the presence of COVID-19 in the community.

In conclusion, on behalf of the staff and Governors of Stanwell School, I thank you for your contribution in supporting your children through a strange and challenging experience that many of us have found difficult at times. Your support of the school in encouraging participation in online learning and making sure that pupils were well-organised and prepared for the July re-opening has been invaluable and I am very proud of the way in which the school community has worked together to overcome these challenges. I look forward to the next phase of re-opening in September for the benefit of all learners. I understand that some parents and pupils may feel nervous and uncertain about re-opening; the safety and wellbeing of your children is the most important thing to me as Headteacher and our staff members are working tirelessly to ensure that systems are implemented to minimise risk and protect all pupils and staff. Staff will be available to contact after 26th August via email if you have any information that you need to share with us about your child/family and to help with any queries you may have following the release of changed/confirmed plans and the full risk assessment.



With best wishes for a restful and happy summer break,

Trevor Brown, Headteacher, Stanwell School.

FAQs sent to all current pupils of Stanwell School 16/07/2020

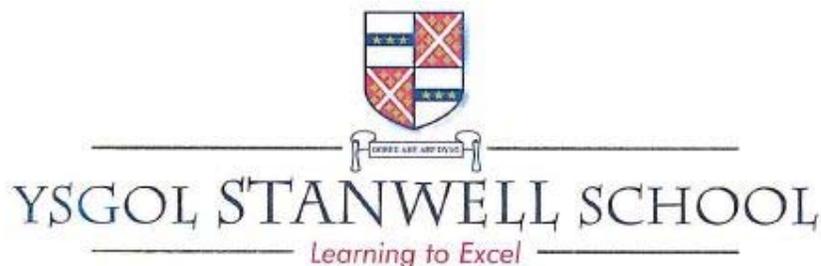
Please note that all the information may change based on any further Welsh Government and/or Local Authority guidance that may be issued between this point in time and 25th August 2020. We will email you on your Stanwell School email account on 26th August 2020 to give you your individual information on arrival/finish times and which entrance/exit to use.

How will school be organised?

From Monday 7th September, all year groups will be back in school full time. We will manage this by staggering start times, finish times, breaks and lunchtimes. Pupils will also be given designated entrances and exits. This information will be sent to you on 26th August 2020 and you will need to remember your entrance/exit place and your arrival time. We have planned the school day to reduce the contact between groups of pupils as much as possible while still keeping your full range of subjects being taught to you by specialist staff. This means that you will follow your normal school timetable and have the full range of lessons with all your different teachers.

Where do I go on the first day back?

On the first day that your year group returns to school in September, you will follow the instructions given to you in the email of 26th August. You will go to your designated outdoor area and line up in forms. Staff will be on duty to help you to know where to line up. Your first lesson will be with your form tutor and you will be given your timetable during the first lesson. We will not be sending out timetables before this in case any changes need to be made. In that first lesson, your form tutor will explain to you all the rules and expectations for managing the school site efficiently with all year groups back on site. We will need you to listen carefully and follow all the instructions you are given.



What do I wear?

New Year 7 pupils have already been told to wear their PE kit to school on the first day back but for all other pupils, from the first day you come back in September, you will need to wear your full school uniform. The school uniform shops are now open and also have online ordering facilities if your parents/carers need to get you any new items over the summer.

From your second day onwards, if you have a PE lesson a particular day/days you should wear your school PE kit to school on that day. You can wear plain black or navy jogging bottoms and a plain white T-shirt but please do not wear branded sportswear with logos, this is not permitted. Do not wear PE kit on your first day in case you have PE on your timetable (unless you are a new Year 7 pupil) as the first PE lesson will be theory-based focusing on health, safety and hygiene procedures for the sports you will be participating in over the first half term. You may spend longer outdoors in lines than you would normally so it would be a good idea to bring a raincoat/mac each day to school and remember to apply sun cream depending on the weather.

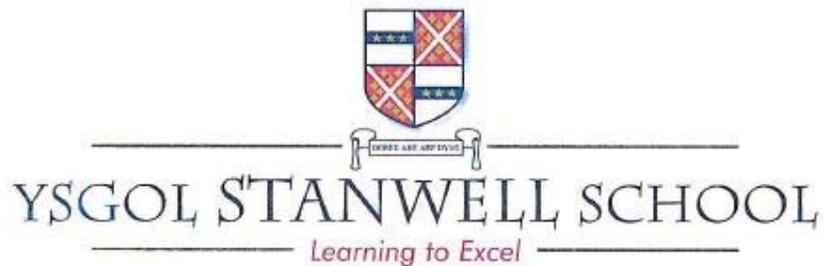
What shall I bring?

For the first day you will need a pencil case with pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, calculator and compass set. You will be given all of your exercise books and text books in school as usual.

If you would like to bring your own handgel/anti-bacterial wipes to school to use then you can of course do this.

What will happen at breaks and lunches?

You will have break and lunch with your own year group only. Food will be available to purchase with a reduced menu or you can bring your own packed lunch. The seating areas of the dining hall have been extended to ensure there is room for everyone and increased cleaning will take place in between groups.



What about clubs?

There will be no extra-curricular clubs or assemblies for the first half term subject to review. Peripatetic music lessons, breakfast club and the whole-school homework clubs will be the only activities running.

I hope that all the above information answers some questions you may have about what school life will be like from September. I will email you on 26th August with further instructions. As teachers we have been very pleased and impressed with how pupils have coped with the July re-opening; school has been productive, calm and well-ordered with everyone playing their part - well done to all those who were able to come in.

On behalf of all school staff, I wish you a happy and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again in September.