

Ysgol Uwchradd Prestatyn High School

August, 2020

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Information for pupils and parents

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Welcome to



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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you all had some form of 'normal' summer break with your family and managed to get some rest and time for relaxation before we return back to school.

As outlined in my letter sent out in the last week of term, we will be returning to full capacity for all pupils and students as soon as possible. There will be a phased return over the first 2 weeks and we will have all year groups back for education everyday by the 10th September. Attendance to school will be compulsory by the 14th September and we would like to get back to full time teaching of our amazing pupils before this date.

The booklet that accompanies this letter will explain in detail how we will keep pupils and staff safe, how the school will be organised and how we will get back to full capacity. All of the planning is based on the latest guidance from Welsh Government. We have made sure that the health and safety of all pupils and staff is our top priority whilst also developing a system by which all pupils and students can return in September. The arrangements for all aspects of the school are included in this booklet so please read it carefully so that you know when your son or daughter returns to school, where they are to go and how their day will be structured.

We will deliver a full, broad and balanced curriculum to our pupils alongside a pastoral focus on learner wellbeing to help with recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic. School will feel as 'normal' as possible with any changes for the pupils kept to a minimum.

This guidance document contains all of the new organisational arrangements on how we will operate in September.

The great response we received from all pupils, staff and parents during the last three weeks in July was exceptional and we will need a similar response for the new academic year so that we can all get through this difficult time without impacting the progress of our young people. The next academic year will bring challenges and difficulties, but if we come together once again as a community, we will not only rise to meet these challenges, we will be stronger when this is over.

If you have any questions please email prestatyn.high@denbighshire.gov.uk or contact the school through the normal channels and we will answer any of your questions or concerns.

I look forward to the new academic year and I am excited of what we can all achieve together.

Best wishes and I will see you all soon

Neil Foley
Headteacher



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Pupils and students will return to school in the following order in September:

Date	Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
3 rd	Thurs	In					In	
4 th	Fri	In				In	In	In
7 th	Mon	In				In	In	In
8 th	Tues	In			In	In	In	In
9 th	Wed	In		In	In	In	In	In
10 th	Thurs	In	In	In	In	In	In	In
11 th	Fri	In	In	In	In	In	In	In

- Every pupil has received a letter containing the following information:
 - The day and date they will return to school
 - Their designated classroom
 - Their designated entrance into the school
- Each year group will have their own point of entry/exit into/out of the school. The pastoral team will be at these doors to welcome each year group.
- There will be no change to the start and finish times of the school day. All pupils will be expected to arrive for registration at 08.40 and school will finish at 15.00
- All pupils are to wear full school uniform.
- Pupils are expected to bring a bag to school.
- In the short term, all enrichment activities will be suspended. All clubs and sports activities that take place after school will resume as soon as possible.

6th form information

- 6th form students must enter the building through the external doors nearest to their timetabled classroom/registration room.
- For the first 2 weeks there will be no change to the start times for 6th form students. All students will be expected to attend their registration rooms at 8.40am.
- When not in lessons, 6th form students will be encouraged to leave the site to work from home unless they use school transport.

How will students/pupils be taught?

- The curriculum and timetable planned for 2020/21 for all pupils and students will be in place as normal.
- All pupils/students will be taught by specialist teachers for their subjects.
- Lessons will resume with 5 taking place a day.
- All option subjects will be taught as planned.
- All pupils will be taught where possible in the same classroom, with the teachers moving around the building to minimise the number of pupils/students in the corridors.



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- Pupils will be taught in sets based on ability using all available data.
- All classrooms will have desks pointing in the same direction to minimise any spread of infection.
- PCs will only be used if it's essential for the course. Pupils/students will be expected to wipe down their keyboard and mouse at the end of the lesson.
- Some of the practical aspects in some courses may not take place in the first half-term.
- During the first two weeks pupils will not be required to change into their PE kit. The PE department will run sessions focusing on health, exercise and wellbeing. Pupils will not be required to bring a PE kit to school.
- Homework will be set on Microsoft Teams reducing the need for exercise books to be shared between staff and pupils.
- Staff will not mark any work in pupil's exercise books. Teachers will be utilising Teams to assess work.
- All ALN processes any systems will be in operation where possible.
- It has been confirmed that exams in the summer of 2021 will take place as planned. WJEC have consulted with schools on how to amend exams to consider the loss of teaching time. We will share this with pupil/parents as soon as a decision is taken. We will ensure that exam focused lessons will begin for all classes after a brief reintegration back into school.

What to expect when you arrive in school:

- Welsh Government guidance is for schools to minimise pupil interaction. In order to deliver a purposeful curriculum we have taken the decision to bubble pupils in their year groups. All year groups will have their own entrance and exit to the building, designated toilets and staggered breaks and lunches. These adjustments have been made to keep our community safe.
- Pupils should arrive to school on time; registration is at 08.40. At the end of the school day it is essential that pupils leave site and not wait for their friend(s). Pupils should only enter/exit the building via their designated entrance/exit.
- When pupils arrive at school and wait to enter their classroom, they will be expected to line up 2 metres apart; this space will be marked out. Where possible we have utilised classrooms with external/fire door entrances.
- Upon entry into their classroom all pupils will be expected to sanitise their hands. Each classroom will have a hand sanitiser dispenser.
- We will insist on regular hand washing and hand sanitising throughout the day.
- On their first day back all pupils will be given a full induction into our new systems. This will encompass the following:
 - A very warm welcome back to school
 - Designated toilet block
 - Designated area for break and lunch
 - Expectations and processes for break and lunch
 - Behaviour expectations
 - Health and Safety briefing including fire evacuation



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6th form information:

- All 6th form students will return as per the plan on page 4.
- Upon entry into their classroom all 6th form students will be expected to sanitise their hands. Each classroom will have a hand sanitiser dispenser.
- The designated 6th form toilets are in the Sixth Form Centre.
- Those wishing to use the diner, can only do so between 11.00 and 11.30. This is particularly important to those on free school meals as access will not be allowed at any other time.
- 6th form students must enter the building through the external doors nearest to their timetabled classroom/registration room.
- When not in lessons, 6th form students will be encouraged to leave the site to work from home unless they use school transport.
- 6th form timetables and all other necessary information will be given during the induction sections on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September.

What do we expect from our pupils:

- Each year group has been assigned a teaching zone within the building. Year groups are expected to remain in their teaching zone for the duration of the school day.
- Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform.
- 6th form students are expected to adhere to the dress code outlined in the 6th form prospectus.
- Upon arrival into the school all pupils/students are expected to follow hygiene protocols. They will be expected to wash / sanitise their hands on a frequent basis. Every classroom will have its own sanitiser.
- Pupils/students who use public transport to attend school must adhere to Welsh Government legislation. They must follow the instructions given by the bus driver.
- Pupils/students must bring into school their own equipment. Those without stationery will have the opportunity to purchase equipment at a cost of a £1.
- Pupils are expected to bring into school a school bag. Pupils will not be expected to take home their exercise books. Exercise books will be left in their classroom base. 6th formers will be expected to keep hold onto and bring in any resources given by the teacher. They will not be expected to return them to their teacher for marking.
- There will be no opportunity to fill water bottles whilst in school. Pupils/students must bring their own. There will be an opportunity to purchase food and drink from the diner at lunch time or 11.00 – 11.30 for 6th form students.
- Each year group will have a designated toilet block and strict social distancing rules will apply.
- During the school day pupils will be expected to engage in all of their lessons.
- Pupils will eat their lunch in their year bubble and in their designated zone. All pupils/students will be expected to place any litter in a bin.
- For 6th form students who are unable to leave the site at lunch time, space will be provided.

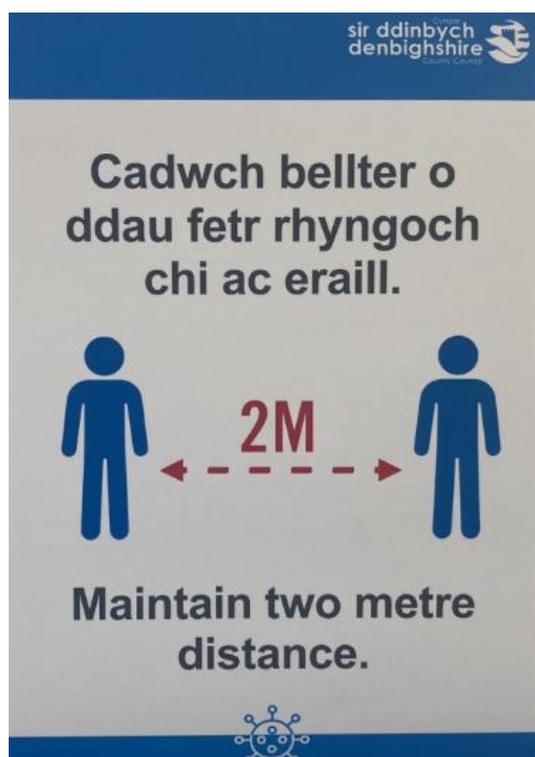


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- Each year group will have an allocated time and zone to spend outside to enjoy the fresh air. This will be for 15 minutes for break and an hour for lunch. Where possible all pupils are expected to go outside. If it is raining the pupils must remain inside their classroom base.
- 6th form students will be encouraged to leave the site where possible.
- On occasions, pupils/students will have to move around the school e.g. to go to their toilet block. In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines pupils/students must keep left in the corridors, keep their distance and follow any arrows.
- Some areas of the school site will be closed off to pupils/students. Pupils/students should not access these areas.
- At the end of the school day pupils must leave site via their designated exit; they are not to stay on site to wait for their friends.
- Pupils/students must follow all social distancing rules, which is to keep 2 metres apart.
- Normal school rules and expectations still apply and we will be following Denbighshire's behaviour policy and their COVID-19 addendum; a copy is available on our website.
- Any pupil who continually refuses to follow our socially distancing rules will be removed from the school.

Teaching and Learning

From the reopening of school on 3rd September we intend to operate a full, broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. Pupils will experience the full range of school subjects, and additional wellbeing activities. Our aim is to ensure that all learners have a high quality learning experience.





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Plan for return to school

		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
Thursday 3rd September	Y7/Y12	Form Groups - Induction session.				
Friday 4th September	Y7	Induction session		Normal Lessons		
	Y11/13	Induction session		Normal Lessons		
Monday 7th September	Y7	Wellbeing session	Normal Lessons			
	Y11/13	Wellbeing session	Normal Lessons			
Tuesday 8th September	Y7/11/12/13	Wellbeing session	Normal lessons			
	Y10	Induction Session	Wellbeing session	Normal lessons		
Wednesday 9th September	Y7, 10, 11, 12, 13	Wellbeing session	Normal lessons			
	Y9	Induction session	Wellbeing session	Normal lessons		
Thursday 10th September	Y7, 9-11, 12, 13	Wellbeing session	Normal lessons			
	Y8	Induction Session	Wellbeing session	Wellbeing session	Normal lessons	
Friday 11th September	All Years	Normal lessons				
Monday 14th September onwards	All Years	Normal lessons				



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- For most of their lesson pupils will be based in one classroom with teachers moving around the building.
- Pupils in KS4 and 5 will move rooms for options subjects.
- Pupils will complete normal curriculum work.
- Pupils studying for examinations will complete work for those qualifications.
- Pupils will work in books in the classrooms, but for safety these books will stay in the classroom and not be taken home by either pupils or teachers. Apart from 6th form students who will keep their resources with them.
- There will be no formal assessment tasks in the first half term as we settle into this adapted way of working – staff will assess progress within lessons and using homework.
- Pupils/students will be set homework using the school's online learning platform Microsoft Teams as we did during the school closure. They will be reminded of their school email address and how to log in on the first day back.
- Pupils/students will not share equipment or text books.
- There will be no requirement to change for PE in the first two week, we will review our position on PE lessons based on the latest Welsh Government guidance.

A more detailed plan of the school day can be found on page 15.

What will happen during break, lunch times and food and drink:

- During the school day pupils will be given an opportunity to go outside for fresh air. Each year bubble will have an allocated time and zone to spend outside to enjoy the fresh air. This will be for 15 minutes for break and an hour for lunch. Where possible all pupils are expected to go outside. If it's raining pupils must remain inside their classroom.
- Pupils/students will be given information relating to their break and lunch zones as part of their first day induction.
- There will be no opportunity to fill water bottles whilst in school due to guidance to disconnect water fountains. Pupils/students must bring their own water to school to last the school day. There will be an opportunity to purchase food and drink during lunch time. Purchasing food and drink will not be available during break times.
- Pupils may wish to bring in their own packed lunch which can be consumed in the diner or outside in their zone. Packed lunches are not to be shared by pupils.
- Parents must use ParentPay in order for their son/daughter to purchase food in the diner. The Diner will not accept cash.
- Year 7 pupils will order their lunch during registration time. Food will be brought to their classroom where it will be consumed by pupils. After eating their food, pupils will have 30 minutes outside time. Pupils will be expected to wipe down their table prior and after consuming food and drink (cleaning products will be provided). All pupils will be expected to place any litter in a bin.





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- Pupils in Yrs. 8-11 will have a staggered lunch. Each year group will have 30 minutes to consume their food in the diner and 30 minutes outside time.
- Pupils should use break and lunch times as an opportunity to go to the toilet in their designated block. Toilet facilities will be well managed and cleaned on a regular basis.
- Pupils should social distance during their break and lunch time. The diner will be cleaned and sanitised before use by the next year group.
- After spending time outside all pupils will be expected to wash /sanitise their hands when they re-entering the school building.

Attendance:

- Every child is now expected to attend school full time.
- It is understandable that parents/pupils may still be concerned about COVID-19, however, we can assure you that all health and safety guidelines and advice from Welsh Government have been adhered to.
- If you have any concerns, please discuss with your child's Head of Year.
- The school's attendance procedures will resume in September.
- If your child is ill, then please contact the school to notify us of their absence. See attached appendix produced by Public Health Wales on recommended time to keep individuals away from the school setting.

How to stay healthy and safe in school:

We are putting in place a number of safety measures aimed at protecting children, staff and families and reducing the spread of the virus. If you are concerned about the risk for anyone in your family talk through your concerns with your GP or the relevant Head of Year in school.

- It is important that the school has up to date medical information for our pupils/students. If there has been any change to your child's health needs this year, please notify your child's Head of Year.
- It is also important that the school has up to date contact details. Please contact the school with any changes to your address, phone number and email address.
- If your child has an existing HealthCare Plan in school, but any details of this have changed, please contact Mrs Emma Tate.
- If your child is deemed either extremely clinically vulnerable or clinically vulnerable due to COVID-19, the school has created a risk assessment to support their time in school.

What steps are we taking to keep pupils safe:

- Multiple risk assessments are in place to minimise the risks.
- We will insist upon frequent hand washing, good hygiene and regular cleaning.





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- Ensuring pupils/students and staff only come to school if they are well.
- Clear procedures if a child or a member of staff show symptoms at school.
- Minimising contact between different year groups. We will keep year groups partially separated and minimise contact between students/pupils. We will limit the amount of social mixing to reduce the spread of the virus.
- Everyone within the school should follow Welsh Government guidance on social distancing. Pupils/Students should keep 2 metres away from all adults.
- All pupils will be taught where possible in the same classroom. Pupils will be allocated their own chair and desk space; they must only work in this space.
- Every classroom has been deep cleaned and will be deep cleaned at the end of every day.
- All areas of the school will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each day. Ongoing cleaning will also take place throughout the school day to ensure that the building is a safe and sterile environment.
- PPE has not been advised in school except when administering first aid and for our cleaners. The Chief Medical Officer has been clear that there is minimal evidence to support the widespread wearing of non-medical face coverings however some staff and pupils may choose to wear face coverings. Face coverings will not be provided by the school.

Test, Trace and Protect:

The new Test, Trace and Protect strategy was launch by Welsh Government on 13th May. The strategy sets out their approach in dealing with COVID-19 via testing people with symptoms, tracing those who have come into close contact and protecting friends and families by self-isolating.

- If your child, or anyone in your household, have symptoms (a temperature or a new, continuous cough, or loss of/change to their sense of taste or smell) please let the school know via phone (01745 852312) and keep your child and the rest of your household at home.
- If a child, or member of staff, gets these symptoms in school, they will be quarantined in the school and sent home with advice about what to do.
- Anyone with symptoms needs to self-isolate along with all of their household and get tested as soon as possible. Information and guidance on how to apply for a test can be found on the Welsh Government website. Tests are free and can be carried out for adults and children including the under 5s.
- If the test is negative, and the person no longer has symptoms, your son/daughter and their household can leave self-isolation and return to school.
- If your son/daughter tests positive for COVID-19 they and along with their family must self-isolate for 14 days. The Test, Trace and Protect system that is being used in Wales will then come into force and carry out any relevant actions in relation to current Welsh Government and Public Health Wales guideline



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Transport to and from school:

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring the safety of pupils travelling to school via DCC buses. DCC has been working closely with providers to ensure the appropriate risk assessments are in place. For students/pupils travelling to school on dedicated school buses there is no requirement for them to wear a face covering. However, a child over the age of 11 travelling on ordinary public transport must wear a face covering in line with Welsh Government regulations.

If your son/daughter accessing the school mini bus they must wear a face covering and sit facing forward at all times.

We encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school when possible.

Safeguarding:

- The school's normal safeguarding procedures will be in operation.
- No parents/carers will be permitted on school site, unless there is a specific request from school.
- If any parent/carer wishes to speak to a member of staff please do not hesitate in contacting the school – 01745 852312

How to keep everyone safe and healthy:

- Check everyone at home is well before your child goes to school and stay at home if anyone has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Hygiene hand washing is vital. Wash hands regularly for 20 seconds, with soap and running water, especially before and after school, before and after eating, and after using a tissue or the toilet.
- Social distancing outside school. The safest and healthiest way to travel to school is outdoors: on foot, by bike or scooter.

Will parents be able to come into school:

- Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend school or come into the building. We are also restricting all visitors on the site.
- Any meetings or contact with parents will take place over the phone.
- We would request that parents adhere to socially distancing when dropping off and collecting their children.



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Appendix 1

Plan of the school day

Yeargroup	Area	8.40-9.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	
Year 7	English	Registration	Lesson 1 (9.00-10.00)	Lesson 2 (10.00-11.00)	Break (11.00-11.15)	Lunch (Food in classrooms 12.00-12.30; Outside 12.30-13.00)	Lesson 4 (13.00-14.00)	Lesson 5 (14.00-15.00)	Finish	
Year 8	Humanities					Lesson 3 (11.15-12.00)				Lunch (Diner 12.00-12.25; Outside 12.25-13.00)
Year 9	Maths					Lunch (Outside 12.00-12.35; Diner 12.35-13.00)				
Year 10	Mobiles			Lesson 2 (10.00-11.00)	Lesson 3 11.15-12.15	Lesson 4 (12.15-13.10)	Lunch (Outside 13.10-13.45; Diner 13.40-14.10)	Lesson 5 (14.10-15.00)		
Year 11	Languages						Lunch (Diner 13.10-13.45; Outside 13.45-14.10)			
6th Form										



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Appendix 2



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**Public Health Wales
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**Recommended Time to Keep Individuals
Away from Settings because of Common Infections (July
2020)**

The table below is a guide on whether or not an individual with an infection should attend a setting e.g. a school or workplace. This is based on the level/period of infectiousness and not on whether the individual is well enough to attend. If uncertain, individuals should stay at home and seek advice from NHS Direct Wales 0845 46 47 (NHS 111 where available), their pharmacy or General Practitioner (GP). If a setting requires advice on infections and length of time an individual should be kept away from the setting (previously referred to as 'exclusion' period) then they are asked to:

1. Refer to the information table below
2. Contact their GP surgery or other relevant professionals e.g. Health Visitor or School Nurse
3. In the case of staff illness/exposure contact their own Occupational Health Team
4. Contact the **Health Protection (All Wales Acute Response) Team on 0300 003 0032**

When there are local/national outbreaks of illness, settings will usually be informed and advised of any actions they are required to take by the Health Protection/All Wales Acute Response Team. Settings are asked to keep a register of unwell individuals and also have a register of individuals who may be considered vulnerable to infection. If there are more than two cases of an infection; or more than the usual number of a common infection, then the setting should seek advice from the Health Protection (AWARE) Team.

Rashes and skin infections	Length of Time an individual is to be kept away from Setting	Comments
Unexplained rashes should be considered infectious until health advice is obtained.		
Athlete's foot	None	Athletes' foot is not a serious condition. Treatment is recommended
Chickenpox	5 days from onset of rash AND until all vesicles (blisters) have crusted over	Infectious for 2 days before onset of rash. <i>SEE: Vulnerable Individuals and Pregnancy (below)</i>
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None	Avoid kissing and contact with the sores. Cold sores are generally mild and self-limiting.
German measles (rubella)*	Four days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination and covered by the routine immunisation schedule (MMR x 2 doses). <i>SEE: Pregnancy (below)</i>
Hand, foot and mouth	None	Not to be confused with Foot and Mouth disease in animals
Impetigo	Until affected areas are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination and covered by the routine immunisation schedule (MMR x 2 doses). <i>SEE: Vulnerable individuals and Pregnancy (below)</i>
Molluscum contagiosum	None	A self-limiting condition
Ringworm	None	Keep covered. Treatment is recommended
Scabies	Affected individual can return after first treatment	Household and close contacts require concurrent treatment



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Scarlet fever*	Individual can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment recommended for the affected individual.
Slapped cheek/Fifth disease/Parvovirus B19	None	<i>SEE: Vulnerable individuals and Pregnancy (below)</i>
Shingles	Individual only to be kept away from setting if rash is weeping and cannot be covered	Can cause chickenpox in those who are not immune i.e. have not had chickenpox. It is spread by very close contact and touch. If further information is required, contact the Health Protection Team. <i>SEE: Vulnerable individuals and Pregnancy (below)</i>
Warts and Verrucae	None	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, gymnasiums and changing rooms
Diarrhoea and vomiting illness		
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting	If there are more than two cases in a setting please inform the Health Protection Team/Environmental Health Officer
<i>E. coli</i> O157 VTEC* Typhoid [and paratyphoid] (enteric fever)* Shigella* (dysentery)	Should be kept away from the setting for 48 hours from the last episode of Diarrhoea. Some individuals may need to be kept away from the setting until they are no longer excreting the bacteria in their faeces. Always consult with the Health Protection Team/Environmental Health Officer	Individuals aged 5 years or younger those who have difficulty in maintaining good personal hygiene, food handlers and care staff need to be kept away from the setting until there is proof that they are not carrying the bacteria (microbiological clearance). Microbiological clearance may also be required for those in close contact with a case of disease. The Health Protection Team/Environmental Health Officer can provide advice is required.
Cryptosporidiosis	Keep away from setting for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea.	Individuals should not be permitted to swim for two weeks after the last bout of diarrhoea has ended.
Respiratory illnesses		
COVID-19 (coronavirus-19)*	10 days from onset of symptoms (high temperature $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$; new continuous cough; or loss of/change in sense of smell or taste). OR 10 days from date of test, if asymptomatic.	Infectious for 2 days before onset of symptoms/test date to 10 days afterwards. Can return after 10 days if no temperature for 48 hours without medication. <i>SEE: Vulnerable individuals and Pregnancy (below) and Welsh Government advice on vulnerable people.</i> <i>INFORM</i> the Health Protection Team of a single case. Necessary control measures will then be advised.
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered	<i>SEE: Vulnerable individuals (below)</i>
Tuberculosis*	Always consult the Health Protection Team	Requires prolonged close contact for spread
Whooping cough (pertussis)*	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccination and covered by the UK routine immunisation schedule. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.
Other infections		
Conjunctivitis	None	If an outbreak/cluster occurs, consult the Health Protection Team
Diphtheria*	Must not attend setting. Always consult the Health Protection Team	Preventable by vaccination and covered by the UK routine immunisation schedule. Family contacts must be kept away from setting until cleared to return by the Health Protection Team. The Health Protection Team will consider the risk of any contact the individual has had with others if necessary.
Eye and ear infections	None. The Health Protection Team can advise if an affected individual needs to be kept away from the setting.	As both viruses and bacteria can cause eye and ear infections, not all will require antibiotic treatment.



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Glandular fever	None	Infectious for up to 7 weeks before symptoms start. Glandular fever can cause spleen swelling so avoid sports or activities that might increase risk of falling and damaging spleen.
Head lice	None	Treatment is recommended only in cases where live lice have been seen
Hepatitis A*	Individual should be kept away from the setting until seven days after onset of jaundice (or seven days after symptom onset if no jaundice)	In an outbreak of hepatitis A, the Health Protection Team will advise on necessary control measures
Hepatitis B*, C*, HIV	None	Hepatitis B and C and HIV are blood borne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact.
Meningococcal Meningitis* / septicaemia*	Until they have received the appropriate antibiotic. Always consult the Health Protection Team	Several types of meningococcal disease are preventable by vaccination. There is no reason to keep siblings or other close contacts of the individual from attending settings. In the case of an outbreak, the Health Protection Team will advise on any action needed.
Meningitis due to other bacteria*	None	Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) and pneumococcal meningitis are preventable by vaccination. There is no need for the Health Protection Team to identify people the individual has been in contact with. There is no reason to exclude siblings or other close contacts of the individual from settings. The Health Protection Team can advise on actions needed
Meningitis viral*	None	Milder illness. There is no need for the Health Protection Team to identify people the individual has been in contact with There is no reason to exclude siblings and other close contacts of the individual from settings.
MRSA	None	Good hygiene, in particular hand washing and environmental cleaning, are important to minimise spread.
Mumps*	Five days after onset of jaw/neck swelling	Preventable by vaccination and covered by the routine immunisation schedule (MMR x 2 doses).
Threadworms	None	Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic.

*denotes a notifiable disease/organism. It is a statutory requirement that doctors report a notifiable disease to the proper officer of the local authority (usually a consultant in communicable disease control/Health Protection).

Vulnerable Individuals

Some medical conditions make people vulnerable to infections that would rarely be serious in most people. These include those being treated for leukaemia or other cancers, on high doses of steroids and with conditions that seriously reduce immunity.

Pregnancy

If a woman develops a rash during pregnancy or is in direct contact with someone with a rash or an infection, they should ask their GP/Midwife if they need any relevant investigations e.g. blood test. The greatest risk during pregnancy from infections comes from their own child/children, rather than the workplace.

Immunisation

All individuals are encouraged to ensure they have received all the vaccines that are offered in the UK schedule. If anyone is uncertain which vaccines they have received they should contact their GP surgery. For further information about the immunisation schedule, please visit: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/43510>

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