



# Heronbridge School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following another difficult year of Covid disruptions I am writing to thank you all for your support this year and to let you know the arrangements for our September return.

- On Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, **all Bridgend schools are closed**, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- On Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be open for **staff INSET only – no pupils**.
- On Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>, **all pupils** will return to Heronsbridge, at the usual school times of 08.50am to 15.15pm.

In line with Welsh Government easing of restrictions – Alert Level One, July 17<sup>th</sup> and Alert Level Zero, August 7<sup>th</sup> – there will be some changes in the operation of schools, as head teachers work out what a “return to as near normality as possible” means!

Bridgend County Borough Council has set out new September 2021 operational processes for schools, where some measures remain in place and some measures have changed. Key points include:

- Staff social distancing (where possible), enhanced cleaning, enhanced ventilation & signage and enhanced hand hygiene measures will remain.
- Higher levels of outdoor learning will continue to be promoted.
- ‘Class bubbles’ can expand to multiple classes or ‘department bubbles’.
- Large gatherings are limited to bubble sizes – for the time being, there will be no physical whole-school assemblies and parent meetings & annual review meetings will continue to be held virtually, via Teams or the telephone.
- Staff will continue to wear enhanced PPE for personal care and intimate care giving and we will encourage the wearing of a face covering when travelling around the building. Staff & older pupils can continue to wear face coverings if they so wish.
- School visitors must wear a face covering and limit their time on site.

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Headteacher: Mr J Evans



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- Staff will continue with twice-weekly LFT home-testing.

If your child, or a family member is symptomatic, please keep your child at home and follow the latest advice on self-isolation. If a pupil arrives at school with Covid-19 symptoms, they will not be admitted.

Thank you so much for everything you have done to support us and your child this year, your patience and understanding has been incredible.

We are really looking forward to our return in September and we will continue to do all that we can to ensure that the safety of everyone is at the heart of everything we do.

It will be great for all of us – pupils, staff and families - to regain more normality and I'm sure that we will support each other with returning to much needed routine and stability.

## Together We Can!

Wishing you all a great summer, our very best wishes to all families.

Jeremy Evans - Headteacher

