



Start of Term Information for Parents and Pupils September 2021

Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers

We very much hope that you will have had a safe and enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to school for the start of term.

Please find below, a summary of some key information. It would be helpful if you could spend some time carefully reading this information, in order to make the start of term as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely

Olchfa School

Summary of Changes in Operational Arrangements

- There will be no year group zones / contact groups / bubbles
- No dedicated entrance gates to be used - pupils may use whichever entrance is convenient
- We will continue with lunch/break arrangements that keep year groups separate

Start of Term Arrangements

Thursday 2nd September - Staff INSET day (no pupils on site)

Friday 3rd September - Induction day for Years 7 & 12 only

Monday 6th September - All pupils return to school

Covid Requirements

It is essential that any pupil who has symptoms of Covid-19 or has tested positive to a test does not attend school. Any pupil showing symptoms of Covid-19 in school

will immediately be sent home and will not be allowed back on site until they have had a negative PCR test.

Pupils will no longer be required to wear face masks during lesson time. However, they are advised to wear face masks when 'in transit' (i.e. moving around the school during lesson changeovers) and when queuing or in very close proximity to other pupils (e.g. lunch queues). Pupils will also be expected to maintain social distance from staff. Please ensure that your child has a clean facemask with them for school each day. The Welsh Government recommendation is for a high quality three layered masks.

Pupils are encouraged to take up the offer of home LFT testing kits, to be used twice each week. If a pupil provides a positive test result on a LFT kit, they should immediately isolate and follow this up by booking a PCR test. Parents/carers are asked to keep the school informed of positive test results and actions taken.

Times of the School Day

Lesson	Start	End	Details
Registration /Assembly	8.40am	9.00am	Doors open: 8:30am Registers taken: 8:40am
Lesson 1	9:00am	10:00am	
Lesson 2	10:00am	11:20am	Includes 20-minute break. KS3 10am - 10.20am KS4/5 11am - 11.20am
Lesson 3	11:20am	12:20pm	
Lesson 4	12:20pm	1:50pm	Includes 30-minute lunch for students and staff.
Lesson 5	1:50pm	3:00pm	KS3 pupils will be dismissed at 2.50pm KS4/5 pupils will be dismissed at 3.00pm

Uniform Requirements

All pupils are expected to come to school each day appropriately dressed in the school uniform. Alternatives will not be accepted. On days when pupils have a PE/Games lesson, they are expected to come to school dressed in their school PE kit. Again, no alternatives will be accepted (e.g. non-Olchfa sports kit). The only exception

is that pupils may wish to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms over the top of their PE kit.

Catering Arrangements

Breakfast (New for September 2021)

Pupils wishing to have breakfast in school can arrive at 8am and go to the Main Hall. A selection of hot and cold breakfast snacks will be available for purchase.

Morning Break

Each year group will be allocated a breaktime food venue, on a three-week rota basis. The venues will be: Main Hall, Drama Hall, Snack Box (in the quad). Each venue will serve a selection of hot and cold breaktime snacks.

Lunch

Each year group will be allocated to a lunch venue (either the Drama Hall or Main Hall), on a rota basis.