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Dear Parents/Guardians and students,

Following the guidance released by the Welsh Government on Wednesday 26th August regarding the use of face coverings in school (<https://gov.wales/technical-advisory-group-face-coverings-children-and-young-people-education-settings>), we have reviewed our risk assessment for all students returning to school. We have decided to make it compulsory for all students and staff to wear a face covering whilst moving about the site, such as in the corridors, but not when seated in the classrooms.

The layout of the buildings and the size of the site at Penglais does not enable us to zone students into year groups. Students will be in the same cohort for their lessons and for their break and lunchtime, however they may be in contact with students from other contact groups whilst moving around the site. We have already put in control measures to mitigate this risk such as a one way system around the site; staggered lunch and break times; increased cleaning of classroom and communal areas around the site; sanitising of hands when entering classrooms; managing entry onto the corridors; increased supervision in the corridors. Requiring students and teachers to wear face coverings in the corridors is another measure that will help prevent the risk of potential transmission of the virus between contact groups.

We understand that there may be some students and staff who are unable to wear a face covering due to medical reasons. If this is the case, parents/guardians are asked to contact their Head of Year in the first instance.

We hope that by informing you of this decision now, this will give parents and families time to either purchase reusable masks or even create your own face covering. This link gives a guide as to how to create your own face covering: <https://gov.wales/how-make-3-layer-face-covering>. Any student travelling to /from school on a school bus is required to wear a face covering throughout the duration of the journey.

As masks and face coverings become more widely used, inevitably there will be a wide variety of face coverings available with various designs. Please make sure that the design of the face covering is suitable for school.

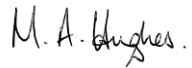
As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please contact admin@penglais.org.uk. A reminder also that a webinar will be held on Tuesday 1st September at 6pm (see link below) and a video will be

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shared over the next few days summarising the key information and changes students should expect when they return.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. A. Hughes." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ms. M. Hughes
Pennaeth/Headteacher

Link to webinar:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTM4MTJmNDAtNDc0Ni00YjZiLWEyN2YtMGE0ZmJhMWY3OGI5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224f3f0e52-b734-4164-9409-1b601d147993%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c25aa25c-ddf5-4761-a64f-e5dece5b316b%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d