

Student FAQs – Back to School

Which year groups are returning to school?

All year groups will be returning in September 2020. Attendance at school is compulsory for all students.

When is the first day?

Year 7 and 12 = Tuesday 8th September 2020
 Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 = Wednesday 9th September 2020

What time do I need to be there?

You should arrive between 8:30am and 8:45am

Are there any specific uniform requirements?

All students must be in full school uniform. Please make sure you bring a warm coat on cold days as you will not be allowed in the building until 8:45am. On days you have PE on your timetable, please come to school in your PE kit. You will stay in this for the rest of the day. A list of equipment is in the letter your parent/carer received, so please check with them that you have everything you need.

What happens on the bus?

If you are getting a school bus, you will be asked to sit in a specific part of the bus. Please make sure you follow these instructions. You will also need to wear a face covering on your journey. You may not be allowed to get on the bus if you do not have a face covering.

Where do I go when I get to school?

Each year group has a different entrance and exit to the school. Please look at the table below to find out where to go:

	Entry/Exit Point (non bus-users)	Before School Area	Entrance into School Building for your 'Year Group bubble'	'Bubble' or Year Group Area	Break/ Lunchtime Inside Spaces	Break/ Lunchtime Outside Space	Departure Time (from lessons – buses will leave at the normal time)
Year 7	Front Gate	Outside Junior Block	Main Junior Block Door.	Junior Block	Junior Dining Hall	Top Tennis Courts	3:00
Year 8	Sports Centre Gate	3G Pitch (Field end)	Science Corridor LC8 into Sealby	Science Corridor	Main Dining Hall	Bottom Tennis Courts	3:05
Year 9	Green Gate	3G Pitch (Sports' Centre end)	DT 'front door'. Bottom Sports' Centre Door. External M3 classroom door. Top Junior Block Door (by J10).	R16-R19 PE1, PE2, M3, J9, J10	Blue Dining Hall	3G Pitch	3:05
Year 10	Green Gate	Top Tennis Courts	Student Reception or yellow Maths Door.	Maths Corridors	Blue Dining Hall	Top Tennis Courts	3:10
Year 11	Sports Centre Gate	Bottom Tennis Courts	English/MFL or doors to the Brown Dining Hall	English/ MFL Areas	Main Dining Hall	Bottom Tennis Courts	3:10
Year 12	Green Gate	Outside Sixth Form Centre	Sixth Form Doors	Sixth Form Block	Sixth Form Block. Junior Dining Hall.	Sixth Form Centre	3:10

Year 13	Sports Centre Gate	Outside Sealby Block	Main Sealby Block Door	Sealby Block	Sealby Block. Junior Dining Hall.	Sealby Block	3:10
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Each year group has a specific area to wait in before the bell goes at 8:45am for form time. You must go to this area when you arrive and **not mix with other year groups.**

Why can't I mix with other year groups?

The government has told schools to keep different year groups in 'bubbles' separate from each other. This is to limit the amount of people each person comes in to contact with. This is happening in all schools across the UK, not just Rossett!

What happens if I ignore this and mix with other year groups?

Because the health and safety of students and staff is our top priority, this will be considered a serious breach of the behaviour policy. You will face a significant sanction and your parents/carers will need to attend a meeting to discuss your behaviour. Keep everyone safe and follow the rules so we can all get on with learning again.

How do I keep myself and others safe?

1. Make sure you are washing/sanitizing your hands often;
2. Don't share your personal equipment with others;
3. Keep a 2-metre distance between you and any members of staff (they will be wearing high-vis jackets so you can easily spot them);
4. Follow the new rules and routines first time, every time.

What about face coverings?

- You can wear surgical or plain fabric face coverings on corridors, in social spaces and when arriving at, and leaving, the school site. This is not compulsory;
- You must wear a face covering on public and school transport. This is compulsory;
- Face coverings should not bear words, slogans or images that may be offensive in any way;
- Any face covering must be removed when entering a classroom;
- You must follow hygiene guidelines when applying and removing face coverings, sanitising hands before and after. Face coverings should be stored in an air-tight plastic bag;
- Staff may be wearing a clear visor whilst on duty, in busy corridors and at lesson changeovers.

Where will my lessons be?

Each year group has a specific part of the school where the majority of their lessons will be taught. This means if your year group is based in the Junior Block, most of your lessons – science, maths English etc. will be taught there. You won't move out of this area; your teachers will move to come to you.

Will we do practical lessons?

At the start of term, only students in KS4 and 5 will have practical lessons such as technology. KS3 students will still study subjects such as technology, but they will not be doing practical lessons at the moment.

I have missed lots of work, how will I catch up?

The first few weeks of the new term will be about identifying where students have gaps in their knowledge and providing a recovery curriculum to help you fill these gaps. Be open and honest with your teachers about what you understood and what you need help with.

What should I do if I am worried or anxious?

We understand things have been hard for everyone and your feelings are totally normal. Speak to your SSO in the first instance and they will be able to get you more support. We will also be focusing on mental health and wellbeing in PSHE, form time and assemblies and you will continue to be given links to helpful websites and apps.

Something bad happened to me during the school closure, should I tell someone?

Yes. It is important to share anything that you are worried about with staff at school. If it is related to your safety or the safety of others, please make sure you speak to your Student Support Officer or a member of staff you trust.

What do I do if I feel unwell in school and have Covid-19 symptoms?

The most common symptoms to watch out for are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you feel unwell with these symptoms in school, try not to panic - most young people who develop covid-19 have very minor symptoms. Tell your teacher and they will contact another member of staff to escort you to an isolation room at the front of school. Your parent/carer will then be contacted, and you will be picked up. Your family will then need to arrange a test for you.

What happens at the end of the day?

There will be a slightly staggered end of the day. This will avoid lots of students leaving at the same time and allow everyone to board buses safely. Please make sure you use the exit specified for your year group. Your tutor will go through this with you on the first day back.