

29th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Pastoral and Curriculum Group Changes 2020

As part of our ongoing review of COVID infection control measures and to ensure the safety of all at CCYD we will be making some changes to the way in which learners are grouped for both curriculum lessons and pastoral sessions. The aim of these changes is to further reduce the size of learner bubbles and to minimise the number of learners having to self-isolate if a positive case is reported.

Curriculum group changes will only impact learners in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9). Both curriculum and pastoral group changes in Key Stage 3 will take place on the dates detailed below.

Year 8 – Monday 2nd November

Year 9 – Monday 9th November

Year 7 - Monday 16th November

There will be no curriculum group changes for learners in Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11) as GCSE option choices and course specifications do not allow for this. There will, however, be changes to pastoral groupings for all Key Stage 4 learners from Monday 9th November.

New timetables will be sent electronically to all learners in advance of the dates listed above and printed copies will also be made available when learners return to school.

As a result of the changes learners' pastoral groupings will now be based on their curriculum group. For example, learners that make up 8D4 will now be in nearly all lessons together and as a result of these changes will now also have form time together. By making these changes we hope to reduce the mixing of learners and in turn reduce the number of contacts. Pastoral Leaders and Strategic Leads for Mathematics and English have been involved in the decision making process to ensure learner wellbeing and academic development remain a priority. Where possible changes have been kept to a minimum and some curriculum groups will have no changes at all.

We will continue to review our procedures in line with Public Health Wales guidance and Welsh Government guidance and keep you updated with any future amendments to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all at CCYD.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school via gareth.pope@bridgend.gov.uk

Kind regards