

Dear Parent

There is no doubt that the development of young people has been adversely affected by COVID-19. Opportunities to learn and develop have been missed and opportunities for safe socialising removed from their lives. Now that schools are settling in to their new routines, it is right that we seek to offer to extend as many extra-curricular opportunities to our young people as possible. To that end, Bangor Grammar CCF is hoping to return to training after Half Term, with our first Parade Night being Wednesday 4th November. To get to this stage, we have had to read through MoD guidance, complete a comprehensive Risk Assessment and ensure that all activities fall within Department of Education guidance. While we will be returning, there will be a few changes made to routine, as described below.

The normal Bangor Grammar COVID -19 protocols will apply. We would plan the following amendments to training when we start up.

- Parade nights will continue on Wednesday evenings, but will be split into two sessions (1830 to 1930 and 2000 to 2100).
- Cadets should wear full uniform and must bring their own notebook and pen.
- Initially and to minimise the risk of cross-contamination, male cadets will attend one session, female cadets the other. This will rotate weekly to allow equal access to school resources.
- Parents should drop cadets off no more than 10 minutes before and collect no less than 5 minutes later than the times indicated above.
- Cadets will enter through the front of school and exit through the back of the school.
- There will no parades, pupils will be directed to their training area on arrival. Cadets will be required to wear masks in corridors or communal areas.
- Only pupils in Year 11 and above will attend. Cadets will be kept in Year Group bubbles.
- As much training as possible will be conducted outside (Cadets should dress accordingly). The Astroturf Hockey Pitch has been booked for the earlier session and the back rugby pitch is available for both sessions. Both rear playgrounds are available for both sessions. When outside, social distancing will be imposed as appropriate,
- If classrooms are being used, surfaces will be cleaned by CFAVs with Crebisol before teaching commences. Seating plans will be recorded to allow track and trace if required.
- Any equipment that may be shared will also be treated with Crebisol in advance of training.
- Cadets will be required to sanitise or wash hands on arrival and departure and on arrival to a classroom.
- Seniors who are teaching lessons will be required to stay 2 metres from younger cadets to maintain the year group bubbles. There will be increased supervision by adult CFAVs.
- Training will be provided for Senior cadets. This will include Safeguarding and COVID specific considerations.
- All CFAVs will have completed a training course and will have been briefed on our Risk Assessment and its implications for them.
- There will be no residential until further notice, in line with MoD protocols.
- If training is conducted on military bases, MoD protocols will be applied. Information will be made available as and when appropriate.
- If you do not wish your child to attend at this point, there is no need to do anything. We will not be removing cadets from our records and hope that they will be able to return later.

Training for Seniors will be held from 1600 to 1700 on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th October. Promotions will also be announced on this occasion.

At this time, we are unable to confirm when Recruits from Year 10 will be able to join. We will be reviewing this over the course of the year.

Year 11 and 12 training to commence after Half Term on Wednesday 4th November.

On 4th November, male cadets should attend from 1830 to 1930; female cadets should attend from 2000 to 2100.

You must not allow your child to attend any CCF activity if they are displaying symptoms of COVID - 19. Your child may not attend CCF if they were absent for school that day.

If you have any questions regarding the return to training, please contact me via the school phone number.

Kind Regards

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