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Communications Summary

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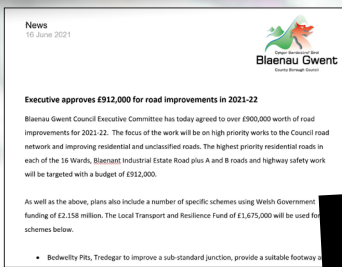
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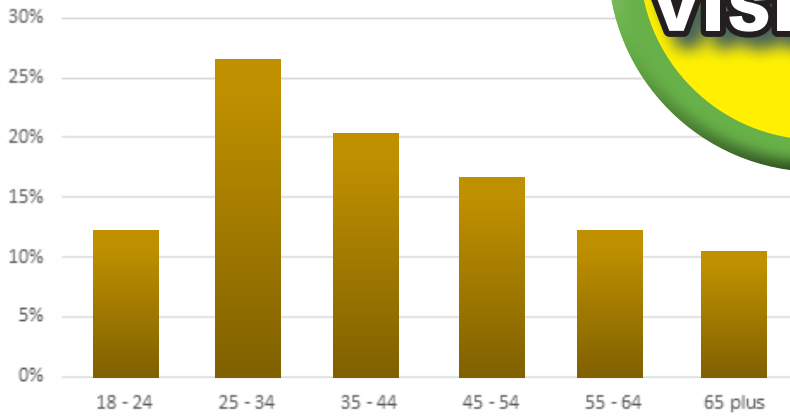
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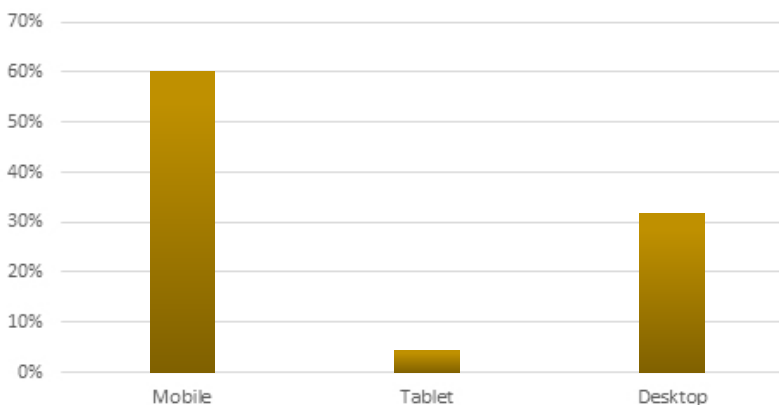
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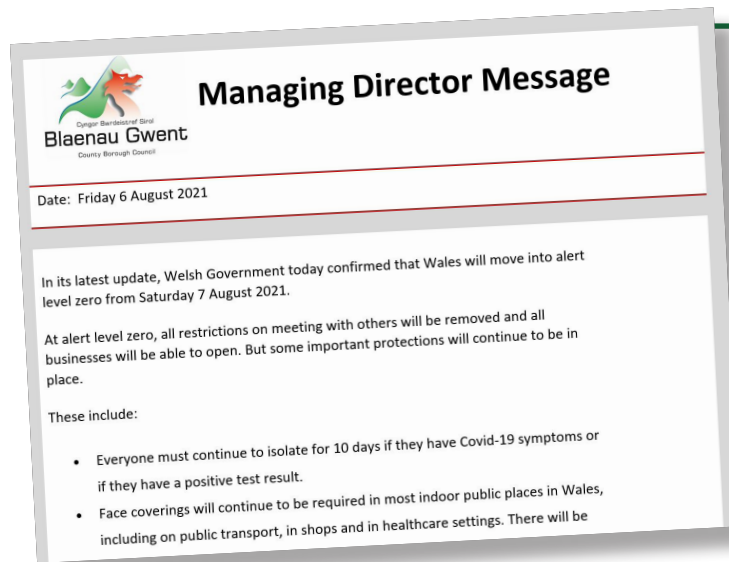
Top 7 most popular pages

- 1 HOME PAGE**
- 2 WASTE & RECYCLING**
- 3 MY SERVICES**
- 4 COVID-19 INFO FOR BUSINESSES**
- 5 SEARCH RESULTS**
- 6 JOBS**
- 7 PLANNING**

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Internal Communications

MD Message



Managing Director Message

Blaenau Gwent
County Borough Council

Date: Friday 6 August 2021

In its latest update, Welsh Government today confirmed that Wales will move into alert level zero from Saturday 7 August 2021.

At alert level zero, all restrictions on meeting with others will be removed and all businesses will be able to open. But some important protections will continue to be in place.

These include:

- Everyone must continue to isolate for 10 days if they have Covid-19 symptoms or if they have a positive test result.
- Face coverings will continue to be required in most indoor public places in Wales, including on public transport, in shops and in healthcare settings. There will be

Weekly staff Guidance



Planning for Retirement

Organisational Development have organised an online pre-retirement course to support employees who may be considering retirement or who will be retiring in the next 12 - 18 months or so.

The course is being delivered online by Affinity Connect on:

Wednesday 1 September 2021 from 1pm – 3pm

There is no charge for the online course and a wide range of topics relating to retirement and the future will be covered, including lifestyle volunteering; further employment; health; pensions; benefits; taxation investments; money management and legal issues.

Places are limited, but successful members of staff will be provided with instructions on how to access the course.

Please make your line manager aware if you intend booking a place.

For further information and to book your place, contact the Affinity Connect Bookings Team by emailing bookings@affinityconnect.org



Wellbeing

Wellbeing Wednesday

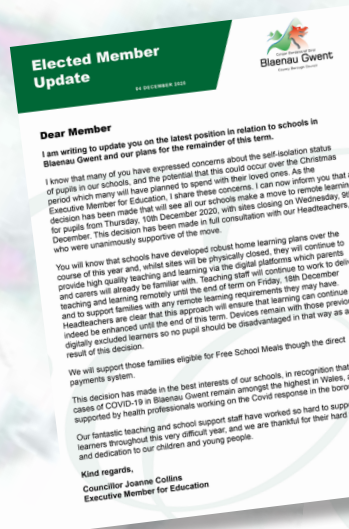
1 August 2021

This resource is intended to support you, whether you are working on the front line, at home, in the office or working in a School. Your wellbeing is of critical importance and this bulletin is intended to give you a snapshot of the resources available to you.

Managers help us promote Wellbeing Wednesday!
Please print copies of this bulletin to display in any staff welfare areas, especially where staff do not have access to emails. Include wellbeing on Team Meeting agendas to ensure all staff are aware of how they can access resources.

This resource is circulated every Wednesday.

Regular Members team briefings



Elected Member Update

10 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Member

I am writing to update you on the latest position in relation to schools in Blaenau Gwent and our plans for the remainder of this term.

I know that many of you have expressed concerns about the self-isolation status of pupils in our schools, and the potential that this could occur over the Christmas period when many will have planned to spend with their loved ones. As the Executive Member for Education, I share these concerns. I can now inform you that a decision has been made that will see all our schools make a move to remote learning for pupils from Thursday, 10th December 2020, with sites closing on Wednesday, 9th December. This decision has been made in full consultation with our Headteachers, who were unanimously supportive of the move.

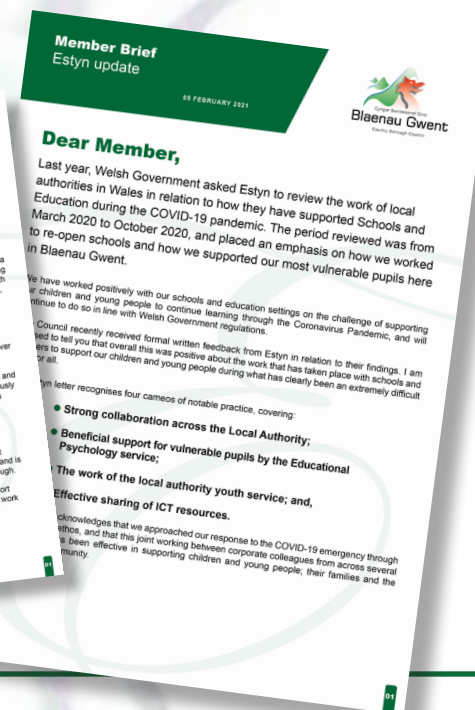
You will know that schools have developed robust home learning plans over the course of this year and, whilst sites will be physically closed, they will continue to provide high quality teaching and learning via the digital platforms which parents and carers will already be familiar with. Teaching staff will continue to work to deliver teaching and learning remotely until the end of term on Friday, 18th December and to support families with any remote learning requirements they may have. Headteachers are clear that this approach will ensure that learning can continue and indeed be enhanced until the end of this term. Devices remain with those previously digitally excluded learners so no pupil should be disadvantaged in that way as a result of this decision.

We will support those families eligible for Free School Meals through the direct payments system.

This decision has been made in the best interests of our schools, in recognition that cases of COVID-19 in Blaenau Gwent remain amongst the highest in Wales, and is supported by health professionals working on the Covid response in the borough.

Our fantastic teaching and school support staff have worked so hard to support learners throughout this very difficult year, and we are thankful for their hard work and dedication to our children and young people.

Kind regards,
Councillor Joanne Collins
Executive Member for Education



Member Brief
Estyn update

22 FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Member,

Last year, Welsh Government asked Estyn to review the work of local authorities in Wales in relation to how they have supported Schools and Education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The period reviewed was from March 2020 to October 2020, and placed an emphasis on how we worked to re-open schools and how we supported our most vulnerable pupils here in Blaenau Gwent.

We have worked positively with our schools and education settings on the challenge of supporting our children and young people to continue learning through the Coronavirus Pandemic, and will continue to do so in line with Welsh Government regulations.

Council recently received formal written feedback from Estyn in relation to their findings. I am pleased to tell you that overall this was positive about the work that has taken place with schools and staff to support our children and young people during what has clearly been an extremely difficult year for all.

Our letter recognises four areas of notable practice, covering:

- **Strong collaboration across the Local Authority;**
- **Beneficial support for vulnerable pupils by the Educational Psychology service;**
- **The work of the local authority youth service; and,**
- **Effective sharing of ICT resources.**

We acknowledge that we approached our response to the COVID-19 emergency through a shared ethos, and that this joint working between corporate colleagues from across several departments has been effective in supporting children and young people, their families and the community.

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COVID-19 Response

A YEAR OF CONTACT TRACING IN GWENT

Today is the anniversary of the first COVID-19 contact tracing call in Gwent.

Since then we have contacted over 37 000 cases and 73 000 contacts

Gwent has successfully traced 99.9% of all COVID-19 cases

WE'RE HERE TO HELP TO KEEP GWENT SAFE

Gwent Test, Trace, Protect Service
Coordination Unit
Prifaf Gwent, Orlhairn, Gwasanaeth Amddiffy Ureud Cydlynus



IECHYD Y CYHOEDD Y CORONAFEIRWS

Gofyniad i leihau'r risg o ddod i gysylltiad â'r coronafeirws mewn:

PUBLIC HEALTH CORONAVIRUS

Requirement to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus on premises:

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Blaenau Gwent Temporary COVID-19 Test Facilities

4 - 5 August Blaina Car Park, Rear of High Street, NP13 3AF	6 - 7 August Ebbw Vale Car Park, Rear of Beaufort Theatre, Frost Road, NP23 5QQ	8 August Abertillery Sports Centre, Alma Street, NP13 1QD	9 - 10 August Tredegar Gwent Shopping Centre Car Park, Gwent Way, NP22 3EJ
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COVID-19 ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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COVID-19 Self-Test (Rapid Antigen Test)

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COVID-19 Tîm Profi
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Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
COVID-19 TESTING TEAM

Free COVID-19 Incident Response Webinar For Workplaces With Advice From Environmental Health

Blaenau Gwent
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Coronavirus has touched each and every business in Blaenau Gwent to varying degrees during the course of the pandemic. The Local Authorities Environmental Health team have been working in the background with businesses providing advice and support when needed in areas such as COVID-19 controls through to what to do when you have a case or cluster of cases in your work setting. We recognise that the COVID-19 challenges are still ever present and that there are still a lot of concerns in the business community particularly in light of the new COVID-19 variant that has been identified.

As a result of the above we want to take the opportunity to share some of the learning from our experiences to date and provide further guidance regarding incident response that can be applied to your work setting in order to effectively mitigate and manage the impact of COVID-19. We invite you to take part in a webinar with Environmental Health to be held on:

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY AT 11:00AM

The anticipated areas that will be covered include the following:


- Test Trace Protect – how the system works and might interact with your business
- Lessons learnt from COVID-19 incident response and cluster management to-date
- Key steps for businesses to take to ensure an efficient and effective response to COVID-19 when you identify a case / cases in the workplace

There will be a short time period allocated for questions from attendees and we would appreciate you emailing these in advance if possible to: business@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk

To book a place on this session please visit the Blaenau Gwent Business Hub or contact: business@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk or telephone 01495 355700

New Covid-19 restrictions are in place for the residents of Blaenau Gwent

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Blaenau Gwent Freelancer Fund Phase 3

Supporting Documentation



Blaenau Gwent Temporary COVID-19 Test Centres

9/4 - 10/4/2021 & 13/4/2021 09:00 - 17:00 Car park, rear of High St, Blaina High Street, Blaina, NP13 3AF	7/4 - 8/4/2021 & 11/4 - 12/4/2021 09:00 - 17:00 Gwent shopping centre car park, Tredegar NP22 3EJ
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Booking required: 119 / gov.wales

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Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic

- If you are 18 years and older and you have not received your 1st COVID-19 vaccine
- Please come along to the walk in clinic.
- No appointment necessary, bring ID.

Saturday 24th July, 8:30am-1:30pm
Blaenau Gwent General Offices,
Steel Works Rd, Ebbw Vale
NP23 6AA

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Keep Wales Safe

April 26

- Outdoor cafés, pubs and restaurants can reopen
- Organised outdoor activities for up to 30 people
- Wedding receptions can take place outdoors, limited to 30 people
- Outdoor attractions including funfairs, theme parks and outdoor swimming pools can reopen

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