

Parent Information

March 10th 2021

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Please find information for parents for KS2 return on 15th March 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
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Key Stage 2

Return to 'Face to Face' Teaching

Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

All of us at school are looking forward to the return of Key stage 2 children to 'face to face' teaching on **Monday March 15th**. I want to say a huge well done to our amazing children for their independence, resilience and commitment to their online learning over these past weeks. I also want to thank all parents and carers for your support and help. I am sure that you are also looking forward to getting your children back to 'face to face' teaching.



Health and Safety Risk Assessment



We have been working with Welsh Government and Newport City Council to update our school risk assessment in line with updated guidelines from Welsh Government.

As you will know children remain in their class' contact' groups and do not mix with children outside of this group during their time in school. We have also further reduced the number of adult contact within these contact groups.

We will be allowing Key Stage 2 children to bring in their own pencil cases. However, these must remain in school to limit contact between home and school. These must not be shared with other children.

As Key Stage 2 children return on Monday there will be an increase in the volume of parents and carers dropping off and picking up children at the beginning and end of the school day or nursery sessions.



When the Minister for Education announced the phased return of children she recognised that drop off and pick up times around the school gates were a potential for increased transmission of the virus.

None of us want to be in a further position of lock down or whole school online learning.



Therefore, in order to ensure a successful and sustained return of pupils and to keep the whole school community safe I am once again asking for parents and carers to support the strict risk assessment procedures we have in school by:

- Adhering to **strict** social distancing between family groups when dropping off and picking up children at the start and end of the school day.
- All adults wearing face coverings whilst on the school site.
- Where possible limit the number of adults picking up to **one per family.**
- No parents or carers entering the school building.
- Not gathering in groups to chat or linger before or after the school day.
- In line with WG guidelines not requesting for other families to pick up your children. (Please note the exceptions around Registered childminders – guidance [here](#)).



Key Stage 2 children and their siblings in year 2 can be dropped off by car at the drop off bays by the turning circle and are able to walk to their classes at the start time of the oldest sibling. All children in years 1, Reception and Nursery must continue to be walked in to school and dropped off following the one way system.

A reminder that there is no parking available on school premises.

All start and finish times remain the same as the Autumn term.

Years 5 and 6 start at 8.30am

Years 3 and 4 start at 8.45am



All drop off and pick up points remain the same as the Autumn term.

Lunch

Please ensure you book your child's lunch in advance via Parent Pay as per the Autumn term.

Testing

As previously mentioned school based staff will be undertaking twice weekly LFT testing and there may be a need for me to inform you that a class contact may need to self isolate at very short notice.

If a contact group does require to self - isolate then we will continue to use a mixture of pre recorded video clips, independent activities and 'live' Teams sessions.

Should a class have to self-isolate we will be in contact with you to establish a timetable for that period.



Online Learning Platforms

As before we will use See Saw (Nursery – Year 1) and Google Classroom (Year 2 to Year 6).

Medical/ Illness/ Covid-19 Procedures

Please ensure you do not send children to school if they are generally unwell. Please ring the school or e mail us to inform us.

If children show any signs of symptoms relating to covid-19 please self-isolate and book a test. Please keep us informed of this and send us the confirmed test result to the school e mail.

If your child is part of a household that has to self-isolate then please let us know.

We, like you are hopeful that transmission rates continue to fall and that within the new operational guidance we will be able to have a really successful end of Spring term and a complete Summer term.

There will be no Breakfast club until further notice as agreed by governors and in response to a Equality Impact Assessment. We will keep this continually under review.

My continued thanks to you for your feedback and support in the last few months. It has been very useful. I will be in touch next week regarding how we continue to develop our processes to engage with you via forums and feedback.

Again, as the Minister has stressed in her communication this sustained return will rely on a real community effort. This is still not the time for play dates, sleep overs, parties or tea at other households. The return to school will be monitored very closely.

You have my commitment to communicate with you in a timely manner and to do all that we can to make this return as safe, successful and sustained as possible.

Kindest regards,

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

