



Today's Learning for Tomorrow's Stars
Belief, Opportunity, Expectations

15th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Model for returning to school 29th June 2020

We hope you are all safe and well.

We have now received both Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance regarding the reopening of schools on Monday 29th June. We have used this guidance, together with other key documents from Welsh Government, to inform our planning process in developing a safe, workable model for returning to school.

Welsh Government's rationale for the reopening of schools is clear. It is for children to: **Check-in** (with their teachers), **Catch-up** (with their peers) and **Prepare** (for transition and learning).

We are all looking forward to seeing our children again and enabling them to see each other in as safe and controlled an environment as possible. The focus for the forthcoming planned sessions in school will be on; wellbeing; celebrating all the amazing home learning activities our children have been engaging in; addressing any key misconceptions that may have arisen; saying goodbye to this year; spending time with their new teacher for next year in their new classrooms.

We also want to give our Year 6 children an opportunity to celebrate their time at Glasllwch, to say good bye properly and to give them the send - off they deserve.

All of this needs to be done in an organised, controlled way. Our plan for returning to school is consistent with the other schools within our cluster and takes into consideration feedback from our recent survey on returning to school.

Guidelines from Welsh Government, to enable us to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule, are that we can have no more than a third of our children in a class at any one time.

Organisation

- Children have been organised into three groups in each year, A, B and C.
- We have aligned siblings across school to ensure they are in the same group A, B or C and where possible we have tried to put children in groups with their friends.
- All children from Reception to Year 6 will have an opportunity to attend school for one session a week, between Monday and Thursday, over the next few weeks.



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- Nursery will be invited to attend for **1 session** in groups of approximately 5 with one parent for a socially distanced picnic on the field and a transition meeting with the Reception teacher. **More information to follow in a separate letter.**

Session Times

Children will come to school at staggered times and leave at staggered times to ensure parents are able to adhere to social distancing rules.

Session times and class allocation will be as follows:

| | Start | Finish |
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| All siblings | 8.30am | 12.00pm |
| Year 2 and Year 6 | 8.45am | 12.15pm |
| Year 1 and Year 3 | 9.00am | 12.30pm |
| Year 4 and Year 5 | 9.15am | 12.45pm |
| Reception | 9.30am | 1.00pm |

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| DAY | 1/3 of YEAR GROUP in school |
| Monday | YR 1, YR 2, YR 4, YR 6 |
| Tuesday | REC, YR 1, YR 2, YR 3, YR 4, YR 5, YR 6 |
| Wednesday | REC, YR 1, YR 2, YR 3, YR 4, YR 5, YR 6 |
| Thursday | REC, YR 3, YR 5 |

Please ensure that start and finish times are strictly adhered to.

Our organisation means that children will **not** need to bring a packed lunch to school, only their fruit snack in a disposable bag and a water bottle. Please do not bring large rucksacks.

It also enables us to ensure the school is thoroughly cleaned each day after children and staff have left the building as well as having a deep clean once a week on a Friday when only the Hub children will be in school.

Hub Childcare Provision

Our existing provision for key worker children in our Childcare Hub will also continue to run in the school hall. Start and finish times for this provision will remain the same - 8.30am - 3.30pm. Hub children will continue to access and exit the building through the front door. Currently, Welsh Government state that if your child is in a Hub, they **cannot** join their peers for the 'check-in, catch-up and prepare' sessions with their teacher and transition. We are waiting for further clarification on this.

Entering and Exiting the Site (not Hub Children)

We will be operating a one - way system for entering and exiting the site.

Please ensure only one adult per child / family enter the grounds, to reduce numbers on site.



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Please enter the site through the pedestrian gate at the bottom of the path and bring your child onto the yard. As we have staggered start and finish times there will be plenty of room for you to ensure you adhere to social distancing rules. Staff will be on the yard to guide the children to line up on markings that are 2m apart. Please do not come close to the school building, the staff will call the children and take them from you.

Once your child has been called to line up, please leave the premises straight away to avoid the next group of children and parents arriving.

Please leave the site following the exit arrows down the driveway and through the vehicle gate which will be left open.

Please adhere to social distancing rules at all times when entering and exiting the site.

Blended Learning - Face to face and Distance Learning.

In school, face to face, sessions will be running alongside our newly updated home learning strategy that was shared with you last week.

Whilst one group of learners are in school for their particular session, the rest of the class will be at home engaging in home learning activities. When the teachers finish their sessions in school, they will be available to engage with all learners and respond to their home learning - between 2pm and 4pm. Whichever days the teachers and support staff are not in school, they will be available to support distance learning for some of the time as well as having time for planning, preparation and assessment.

Classroom and School Organisation

Classes are being organised to accommodate a third of the children, adhering to 2m social distancing guidelines. All excess furniture is being removed from classrooms to enable children and staff the space to move around safely.

Once classrooms have been set up, we will send photographs and videos for you to share with the children to get them used to the new set up.

We will also send out a video of school organisation including; our one - way system for entering and exiting the site; how the children will line up; routines throughout the day.

Activities that the children will be involved in whilst they are in school are being designed to support social distancing, as far as is possible with young children.

Cleaning and hygiene

- School will be thoroughly cleaned every afternoon when the children and staff have left the building.
- Every Friday, school will undergo deep cleaning in preparation for children and staff returning to school the following Monday.



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- All children to wash hands before coming to school each morning. They will wash their hands again as soon as they enter the building each morning, after every activity, after handling objects / equipment, after snack time and going to the toilet and at the end of the session before leaving to go home.
- Mobile hand sanitisers are in all classrooms and children will be encouraged to use them throughout each session.
- Fixed sanitiser dispensers are located at each exit point in the building for use by all staff and children when entering and exiting the building.
- Children to wear Glasllwch yellow polo shirts, navy or black PE shorts, trainers and Glasllwch Sweat shirts / cardigans.
- Please make sure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled.

Contact Details

It is vital that we hold the most up to date contact details for you, if you have changed your contact details recently please let us know by emailing lynne.pohl@newport.gov.uk If your child becomes ill whilst in school, we will contact you for you to pick them up. Please ensure you monitor your phone during the sessions that your child is in school.

Information to follow

Once we have received confirmation of the date we break up for the summer holidays from Welsh Government, we will send out detailed information about the weeks and days we are inviting specific groups of children to attend school.

We will also send out allocations of groups of children. Following this, staff will contact you to confirm dates you will be sending your child / children.

Over the next two weeks, staff will be in school preparing classrooms and the school environment to receive our children on 29th June. Our focus is to ensure our environment is as familiar as it can be to our children, whilst adhering to government guidelines.

We have moved our original **INSET day** from Monday 29th June to **Friday 26th June**. There will be no home learning set or expected as all staff will be in school.

Once again, we thank for your ongoing support during this challenging time.

We continue to be so proud of our all of our wonderful children and our whole school community.

Best regards and stay safe,

Mrs C. M. Jackson
Headteacher