



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

1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Guardian / Carer,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and have managed to spend time with family and friends, in line with Covid -19 government guidance.

During the summer break the operational guidance from Welsh Government for returning to school has been updated. We have used this guidance, together with information from our Local Authority, to inform our model and approach to getting all children back to school by 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Our model and time frame for children to return to school is set out below.

Date	Nursery	Reception	Year 1 - Year 6
1.9.20	<b>School Closed to all Children</b>		
2.9.20	<b>School Closed to all Children</b>		
3.9.20	Nursery children attending in groups of 2 families - 1 child and 1 adult at a time - all families have been notified of dates and times	Reception children attending in groups of 8 - all families have been notified of dates and times	Group A
4.9.20	Nursery children attending in groups of 2 families - 1 child and 1 adult at a time - all families have been notified of dates and times	Reception children attending in groups of 8 - all families have been notified of dates and times	Group B
Wk Beg 7.9.20	Nursery children attending in groups of 8 - all families have been notified of dates and times	Reception children start am and pm sessions	All children in school
Wk Beg 14.9.20	Nursery children attending am and pm sessions	Reception children swap am and pm sessions	All children in school
Wk Beg 21.9.20	Nursery children attending am and pm sessions	All Reception children in full days	All children in school

### Nursery and Reception

Please refer to the separate letters, issued in July, with dates and times of sessions for your child.

### Years 1 - 6

On Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> Years 1 - 6 will return to school in groups of approximately 15 to ensure a smooth transition into school life. Smaller groups will enable us to go through routines and organisation and will support children's general wellbeing.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September only children in Years 1 to 6 who are in **Group A** should come to school.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September only children in Years 1 to 6 who are in **Group B** should come to school.

You have been notified by text which group your child is in. **Please note these groups are different to the groups the children were in last July.**

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September onwards all children in Years 1 to 6 should attend school every day.



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### Staggered arrival and finish 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.

	Arrive	Finish / Collect
Reception	9.10 am	3.10 pm
Year 1	9.00 am	3.15 pm
Year 2	8.50 am	3.05 pm
Year 3	9.00 am	3.30 pm
Year 4	8.50 am	3.20 pm
Year 5	9.00 am	3.30 pm
Year 6	8.50 am	3.20 pm

Please ensure that arrival and finish times are strictly adhered to. Please ensure times are shared with everyone who is bringing your child to school and picking them up.

### Siblings

There will not be a separate time for siblings to come to school. Siblings should arrive at the latest allocated time. They will finish the same time as the rest of their class.

### Entering and exiting the school site

We will continue to operate our existing one - way system for entering and exiting the site. Please ensure only one adult per child / family enters the grounds, to reduce numbers on site. 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.

On the first day back, either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> September depending on which group your child is in, staff will be on the yard ready to guide the children to their lines. Once assembled, they will be taken into their classrooms.

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September the children should filter straight into their classrooms where their teacher will be waiting for them.

Please leave the site as soon as your child has been handed over or has gone into class, 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.

At the end of the school day, staff will hand your child over to you on the yard. Please remain at a safe distance away from the building, adhering to social distancing rules during this handover. We are expecting all parents to collect children from the yard. A letter in relation to Year 6 children walking home alone will be sent out separately.

**Once children have been handed over, please ensure they stay with you and do not run around the yard or the field with other children. Thank you for your support in this.**

### Chartwells - school dinners

From 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the Local Authority's school meal provider, Chartwells, will be providing a cold packed lunch for pupils entitled to a free school meal. For September, all other learners should bring a packed lunch to school. We will notify you of any changes to these arrangements as soon as we have more information. In the meantime, please **DO NOT** book any meals on 'ParentPay' as no hot meals are being served at this time. We will let you know when this changes and hot meals can be booked again.



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### **Breakfast Club and After School Clubs**

In light of the advice to keep year group bubbles separate, for the first half of the Autumn Term there will be no breakfast club provision or after school clubs. This will be reviewed towards the end of October.

### **Year Group Bubbles**

Each year group will be classed as a 'bubble' group. Within their class bubbles children will be able to socialise and access a broad and balanced curriculum according to our usual class projects and programmes of learning. We will continue to make as much use of our outdoor learning environment as possible.

Throughout the day playtimes and lunch times will be staggered in order for us to keep year groups apart. The yard will be split into two in order for us to facilitate this segregation, as well as using the field, weather permitting.

### **PE and Games**

On PE days children are to **wear** their PE kit to school. PE kit consists of a white T shirt with or without the school logo, navy or black shorts / jogging bottoms. Children should wear their school jumpers / cardigans / fleeces.

PE will commence week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September - further information to follow from class teachers.

### **If your child becomes ill or shows symptoms of Covid - 19**

**If your child is showing Covid - 19 symptoms or is generally unwell they must stay at home** and you should refer to NHS/Public Health Wales guidance.

If your child shows Covid - 19 symptoms whilst they are in school, we will have a designated area for isolation and will ring you immediately to collect them. You should then refer your child to be tested.

If a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 the school will be informed via Public Health Wales and the track and trace system will be implemented.

### **Returning from Abroad**

There are clear restrictions in place for certain overseas countries. If you have recently travelled abroad, please follow all government guidance. We will not be able to accept children into school if they have recently returned from a country where the guidance is to self - isolate for two weeks until that period is complete.

### **Shielding**

If your child has been in receipt of a shielding letter, or another member of the household has been shielding, please contact the school office on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to arrange a telephone consultation about your child's safe return to school.

### **Medication**

If your child uses an epi-pen, asthma pump or insulin, please ensure it is returned to school on the first day back. **All items must be labelled.**



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### Other Key Information

- All children must wear school uniform, as outlined in our Handbook. Ideally uniform should be clean on each day. Guidance still states that children should change as soon as they get home and uniform washed to avoid the transference of germs.
- Please keep equipment / resources children bring to school to a minimum. No pens, pencils, pencil cases, these will be provided by school. No large bags please.
- Snacks for morning playtime should be fruit or vegetables in a labelled pot if required.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle with a sports cap, to be kept in the classroom to drink throughout the day. Please note we will not be able to provide water bottles to children.
- All children, unless entitled to free school meals, should bring a healthy packed lunch. No glass bottles, fizzy drinks or sweets please.
- As we are a nut free school, please ensure no foods given to children contain any nut products.
- Staff and children will follow WG guidance in relation to health and safety, hygiene and social distancing. This will include regular hand washing and sanitising, social distancing as far as is practically possible, no mixing of bubble groups.
- Please talk to your child before coming to school about the importance of regular handwashing and adhering to social distancing rules with adults.
- Children will remain in their year groupings for all activities and break times and will not have contact with other year groups in school.
- We will be using the outdoor environment as much as possible as this is the safest place to be as well as the best place to be to have fun!

We look forward to seeing our wonderful children and to a productive term ahead. These are still very uncertain and challenging times, but we will continue to strive towards our vision of being a 'Centre of Excellence' and to encourage everyone to reach for the stars.

Kind regards

**Mrs C. M. Jackson**

Headteacher