



Today's Learning for Tomorrow's Stars

Belief, Opportunity, Expectations

Model and arrangements for returning to school in September 2020

16th July 2020

Dear Parents / Guardian / Carer,

We have now received operational and learning guidance, from Welsh Government, for returning to school in September 2020. This guidance, together with information from our Local Authority, has informed our model and approach to getting all children back to school by 14th 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	School Closed to all Children		
2.9.20	School Closed to all Children		
Thursday 3.9.20	Nursery children attending in groups of 2 families - 1 child and 1 adult at a time - separate letter issued	Reception children attending in groups of 8 - separate letter issued	Group A
Friday 4.9.20	Nursery children attending in groups of 2 families - 1 child and 1 adult at a time - separate letter issued	Reception children attending in groups of 8 - separate letter issued	Group B
Week Beginning 7.9.20	Nursery children attending in groups of 8 - separate letter issued	Reception children start am and pm sessions	All children in school
Week Beginning 14.9.20	Nursery children attending am and pm sessions	Reception children swap am and pm sessions	All children in school
Week Beginning 21.9.20	Nursery children attending am and pm sessions	All Reception children in full days	All children in school

Nursery and Reception

Separate letters have been sent out with transition arrangements for the first two weeks of September.

Years 1 - 6

On Thursday September 3rd and Friday September 4th 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 3rd September only children in Years 1 to 6 who are in **Group A** will come to school.

On Friday 4th September only children in Years 1 to 6 who are in **Group B** will come to school.

You will be notified by email which group your child is in. **Please note these groups are different to their current 'Bubble' groups.**

From **Monday 7th September** onwards all children in Years 1 to 6 will attend school every day.

Hub Provision

Please note all Hub Provision at Glasllwch ends on Friday 17th July.



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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 (from 21.9.20)	9.10am	3.10pm
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	3.20pm

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

Siblings

From September there will not be a separate time for siblings to come to school. Siblings should arrive at the **latest** allocated class time. They will finish the same time as the rest of their class, which may mean two finish times.

Entering and exiting the school site

In September 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 in September, either 3rd or 4th 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 7th 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.

Chartwells - school dinners

From September, the Local Authority's school meal provider, Chartwells, will be providing a cold packed lunch for pupils entitled to a free school meal. During this period all other learners should bring a packed lunch into school.

Please **DO NOT** book any meals on 'ParentPay' as no hot meals are being served.

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.



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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, as well as using the field, weather permitting.

Other Key Information (see links below)

- All children to wear their usual Glasllwch uniform as outlined in our Handbook.
- Children to keep equipment / resources they bring to school to a minimum. No large bags please.
- Snacks for morning playtime should be fruit or vegetables.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle with a sports cap, to be kept in the classroom to drink throughout the day.
- 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.
- Please talk to your child before coming to school about the importance of regular handwashing and adhering to social distancing rules.
- 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!

Thank you for your continued support in this challenging time.

Best regards and stay safe,

C. M. Jackson

Headteacher

Key Documentation for information.

Operational guidance:

En - <https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

Cy - <https://llyw.cymru/canllawiau-gweithredol-ar-gyfer-ysgolion-lleoliadau-o-dymor-yr-hydref-covid-19>

Learning guidance:

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