



Today's Learning for Tomorrow's Stars

Belief, Opportunity, Expectations

Arrangements for Foundation Phase return to face to face learning week beginning 22nd February 2021

11th February 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers,

We hope you are all safe and well in these difficult times.

A HUGE THANK YOU for the support you have shown us over the first half of a very challenging spring term. We are so proud of all of our wonderful children and all they have achieved over the past few weeks.

I am sure, like us, you are all looking forward to a break from distance learning and hopefully a well deserved rest over the half term break.

We have now received updated operational guidance, from Welsh Government, for the return to face to face learning for our Foundation Phase children week beginning 22nd February. This guidance, together with information from the Local Authority, has informed our model and approach for reintegration back into school.

All children in Foundation Phase; Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should return to school on **Monday 22nd February**.

KS2 children will continue to learn from home until further notice.

Staggered arrival and finish times

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

From 22.2.21	Arrive	Entrance	Finish / Collect	Exit
Nursery am	9.10am	Nursery entrance	11.25am	Nursery exit
Nursery pm	12.50pm	Nursery entrance	3.05pm	Nursery exit
Reception	9.10am	FP entrance	3.00pm	FP exit
Year 1	9.00 am	FP entrance	3.05 pm	FP exit
Year 2	8.50 am	FP entrance	3.10 pm	Year 2 side gate
KS2 Hub	8.45am	Front entrance	3.15pm	Front exit

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

Siblings

During this time there will not be a separate time for siblings to come to school. Siblings should arrive at the latest allocated time of either child. 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.

Staff will be on the yard ready to guide the children to their lines. Once assembled, they will be taken into their classrooms.

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.



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The other current Welsh Government Restrictions for alert level 4 will continue to remain in place. As such, please **do not** congregate at the school gates once you have dropped your child / children off. It is important that we all continue to limit contact with others outside our households.

All children should be dropped off and picked up by a member of their own household or a designated childminder; either in a formal capacity or as part of a regular arrangement such as a grandparent. We have been instructed that we **cannot** support parents collecting other children as this would necessitate families from different households meeting. Thank you for your support in this.

Chartwells - school dinners

School meals for Foundation Phase will commence from 1st March, you will be notified once the menu is available on Parentpay to choose from. For the first week back ALL children to bring a healthy packed lunch please.

Breakfast Club

There will be no Breakfast Club for the remainder of the spring term. This will be reviewed in preparation for the summer term.

Year Group Bubbles

Each year group will continue to 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 is split into two in order for us to facilitate this segregation, as well as using the field, weather permitting.

KS2 Hub

We will continue to run a KS2 Hub for the children of critical worker parents and identified vulnerable learners. Our Hub will be split into two groups to ensure numbers are kept as low as possible to enable staff and children to maintain social distancing. Hubs are to be used as a very last resort and for the minimum required sessions.

Illness

- If your child **or** any member of your household shows signs of Covid-19, whether they feel unwell or not, please self - isolate and refer to NHS/Public Health Wales guidance. Please inform school immediately.
- Please notify school if you book a Covid test. We will need to see your Covid test result.
- If a child becomes unwell in school they will be isolated from the rest of the class and will need to be collected from school immediately. Please ensure we have up to date contact details in school and contacts are contactable throughout the school day.

Face Coverings

To reduce the risk of transmission amongst parents and relatives, please wear face coverings when dropping-off and collecting your child / children.



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Other Key Information

- All children in Foundation Phase to wear their usual Glasllwch uniform as outlined in our Handbook.
- KS2 Hub children to wear their own clothes.
- 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.
- 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. Staff will, when necessary, wear face coverings.
- Please talk to your child before coming to school about the importance of regular handwashing and adhering to social distancing rules.
- Windows and classroom doors will remain open throughout the day to ensure appropriate ventilation.
- Children will remain in their year groupings for all activities and break times and will not have contact with other year groups in school. Please ensure children do not mix with children from other households outside of 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! Please ensure your child has a warm coat & hat each day.

Message for children from the Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams

Please share with your child / children by following the link

<https://www.facebook.com/educationwales/videos/20089301511169/>

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support and cooperation in this challenging time.

Best regards and stay safe,

C. M. Jackson (Headteacher) and staff