



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

16th July 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

We have come to the end of another very challenging year in school. The children, staff, parents, PTA and governors have all worked extremely hard to keep our school community safe and well. This has resulted in very few positive Covid cases over the year. A HUGE well done and thank you for your support.

You are probably aware of the statement issued by Minister for Education in Wales last Friday when he announced:

"Three main changes are being proposed to bring some normality back to education ahead of the new autumn term. They are:

- Face coverings will no longer be routinely recommended in classrooms;*
- Contact groups will no longer be required for school pupils or full-time learners in colleges. We will use our TTP system in order to identify close contacts of learners who have tested positive.*
- Normal session times will resume.*

In light of this announcement and paying due attention to the detail in the updated school's operational guidance, which states that schools should continue to ensure they are maximising social distancing, we have revised our arrangements for September in line with other primary schools across Newport:

- Start and finish times will generally revert back to our pre pandemic times with a couple of exceptions:

Year Group	Start	Finish
Nursery AM	9.10am	11.25am
Nursery PM	12.50pm	3.05pm
Reception first two weeks of term Morning session	9.00am	12.15pm
Reception first two weeks of term Afternoon session	1.20am	3.05pm
Foundation Phase -YR1 & YR2 . Reception from 20 th September	Doors open for children to filter in from 8.50am. Registration is at 9am promptly	3.15pm
KS2 - YR3, YR4, YR5, YR6	Doors open for children to filter in from 8.50am. Registration is at 9am promptly	3.30pm
Siblings if across FP and KS2	Doors open for children to filter in from 8.50am. Registration is at 9am promptly	3.15pm

- We will continue with our one way system and our arrangements for dropping off and picking up:
- Entrance through the pedestrian gate and exit down the drive through the vehicle gates
- Only one adult per child / family to enter the grounds, to reduce numbers on site
- Maintain social distancing and leave the site as soon as your child has been handed over / gone into school or has been collected. **Once children have been handed over to you at the end of the day, please ensure they stay with you and do not run around the yard or the field with other children.**
- We will continue with our bubble groups **inside** the building with classes remaining separate from each other
- For **outside** play times, Foundation Phase will be able to access the full yard together, Years 3 & 4 will be together and Years 5 & 6 will be together.

These initial changes will be updated on our school risk assessment and will be monitored closely over the first two weeks of September. They will allow us to:

- Settle everyone back into school after the break
- Assess any further changes made to national guidance over the summer holidays
- Understand how the TTP system will be used in primary schools in September (documentation is **expected to be published in August for Headteachers**)

- Continue to keep everyone as safe as possible

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 **13th September** - further information to follow from class teachers.

Reminder of other key information

- All children must wear school uniform, including black school shoes / smart plain black trainers without a logo - as outlined in our Handbook. Handbooks are available on our website under online office.
- Please keep equipment / resources children bring to school to a minimum. 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.
- If your child is bringing a packed lunch it should be 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 continue to follow **WG** guidance in relation to health and safety and hygiene. This will include regular hand washing and hand sanitising.

Year 6 Leavers Concert

It is time for us to say Good Bye to Year 6. Yesterday they held their leavers concert outside on the school yard. The children took us on a trip down memory lane of their time in Glasllwch and told us about their hopes and dreams for the future. It really was super, well done children and thank you to Miss Jenkins and Mr Cornelius for all their hard work. They have been a really super class and we will all miss them. We wish them the very best of luck as they move to their new schools and look forward to hearing of their progress.

Thank you

A HUGE thankyou to our amazing team here at Glasllwch: Teachers and Teaching Assistants have been nothing short of inspirational in ensuring all learners in our care have been supported in terms of their wellbeing and their learning. They have worked tirelessly during both face to face and distance learning. They truly are fantastic!

Mrs Pohl has ensured constant and effective communication between home and school. She manages the office incredibly efficiently and effectively. Amazing! Where would we be without you?

Mr Cullen, our cleaning staff and canteen staff have played a vital role in ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of our school community. Superb!

Our Governing Body has provided immense support, offering their skills and posing questions and challenges. Fabulous!

Our PTA have continued to organise and run fun and fund raising events to enable us to buy much needed resources for school. Amazing!

Finally, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown us throughout the year. The partnership between home and school has never been more vital in such challenging times. The strength of our school community and the effectiveness of our relationship has been clearly shown as we have kept Glasllwch children safe, learning and thriving.

We continue to aim for our children to be; ambitious and capable; healthy and confident; ethically informed; enterprising and creative. We constantly strive towards our vision of being a 'Centre of Excellence' and to reach for the stars.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a relaxing summer break. We look forward to the new term starting on **Monday 6th September**.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

C. M. Jackson and staff