



# Ysgol Gorslas

## Return to School Guide

**If you have not already informed a member of staff recently, please inform the school whether you intend to send your child back to school or not, by phone or e-mail, no later than lunchtime on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. This will enable us to finalise the arrangements based on correct numbers.**



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### **Government statement**

The Education Minister's statement outlines that the period up to the end of the summer will be "keeping contact/check-in" dates. Due to the capacity of the school, specific year groups will only attend for one day sessions as well as receiving online learning guidance when not in school.

The school will be open to one year group a day but with smaller numbers in each class, (possibly with a maximum of 5 in any class) with start, break and finish times scattered.

The appendix gives the dates for each year group.

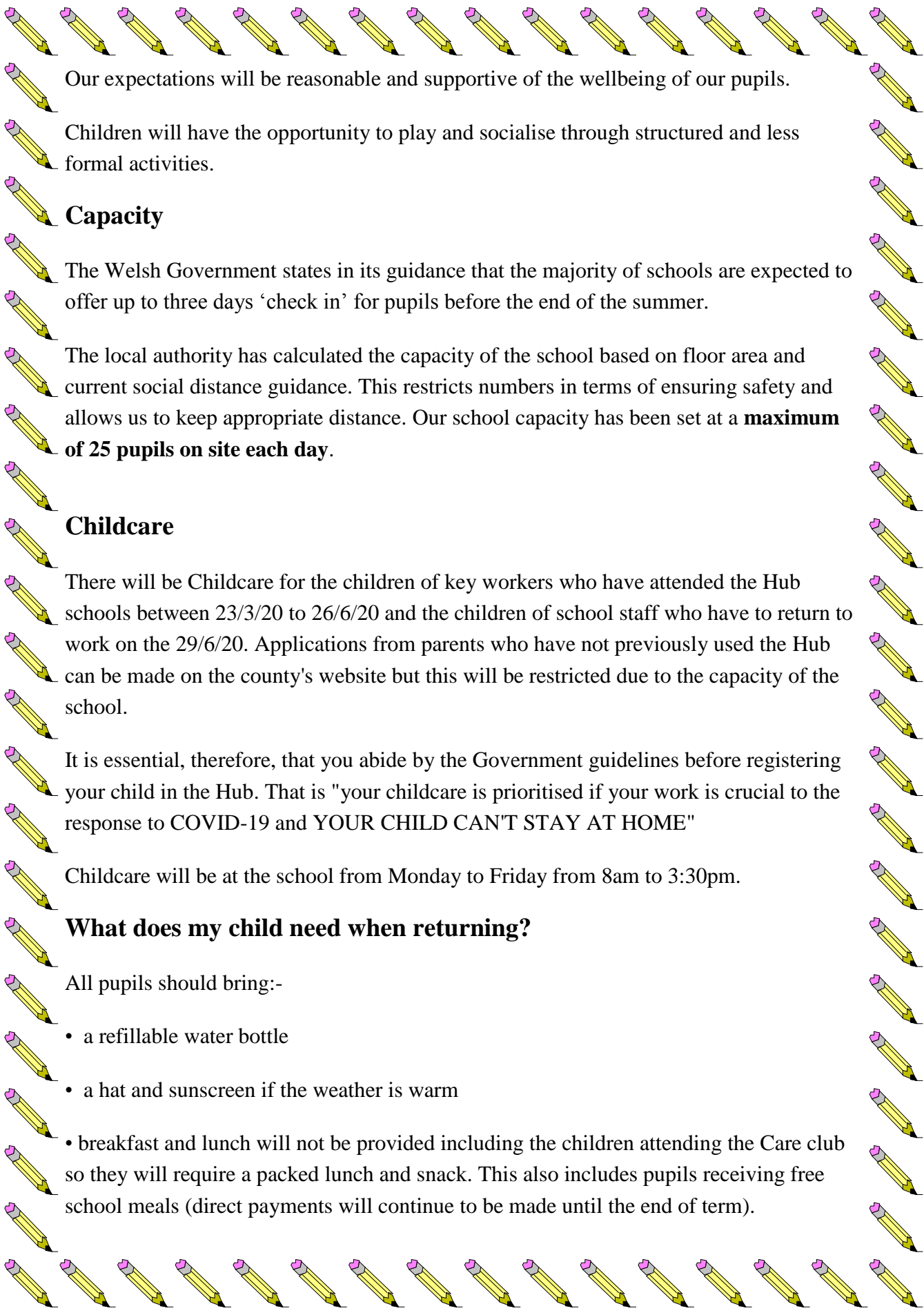
Children will be offered face to face sessions with the teachers during this period.

The final weeks of the year offer us a special opportunity to welcome back our children, to catch up and for the children and staff to have contact. We will also be able to familiarise pupils with the 'new normal' and how this could develop in September.

This guide sets out all the measures we are taking to reduce the risks and to reassure you that your child can come to school safely and benefit again from all the positive experiences.

### **Over the next few weeks we will:**

- foster and support our children's health and well-being as our first priority, particularly those who feel anxious
- ensure that there is a set time for structured activities, to re-engage and link up again with learners and other staff
- support children to understand and comply with the requirements of hygiene and to maintain social distancing
- provide opportunities for children to enjoy a range of physical activities
- provide plenty of opportunities for outdoor learning and play
- focus on the needs of individual learners.



Our expectations will be reasonable and supportive of the wellbeing of our pupils.

Children will have the opportunity to play and socialise through structured and less formal activities.

## **Capacity**

The Welsh Government states in its guidance that the majority of schools are expected to offer up to three days 'check in' for pupils before the end of the summer.

The local authority has calculated the capacity of the school based on floor area and current social distance guidance. This restricts numbers in terms of ensuring safety and allows us to keep appropriate distance. Our school capacity has been set at a **maximum of 25 pupils on site each day.**

## **Childcare**

There will be Childcare for the children of key workers who have attended the Hub schools between 23/3/20 to 26/6/20 and the children of school staff who have to return to work on the 29/6/20. Applications from parents who have not previously used the Hub can be made on the county's website but this will be restricted due to the capacity of the school.

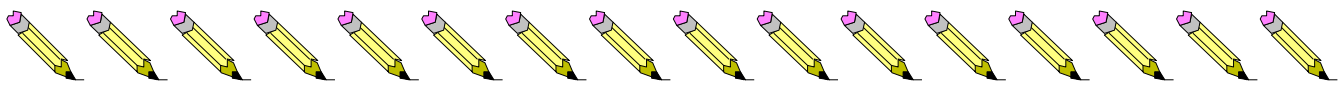
It is essential, therefore, that you abide by the Government guidelines before registering your child in the Hub. That is "your childcare is prioritised if your work is crucial to the response to COVID-19 and YOUR CHILD CAN'T STAY AT HOME"

Childcare will be at the school from Monday to Friday from 8am to 3:30pm.

## **What does my child need when returning?**

All pupils should bring:-

- a refillable water bottle
- a hat and sunscreen if the weather is warm
- breakfast and lunch will not be provided including the children attending the Care club so they will require a packed lunch and snack. This also includes pupils receiving free school meals (direct payments will continue to be made until the end of term).



Children will eat their packed lunches in their classrooms or outside depending on the weather.

The school will prepare packs for children including a pencil, rubber, pen and ruler etc. Children will not be allowed to bring their own equipment.

## **Uniform**

The pupils do not have to wear a ' school uniform '. They will be spending a considerable amount of time doing activities. Comfortable clothes and trainers will be acceptable as the advice given is to wash the clothes daily after your child has returned home from school.

## **Drop and collect arrangements**

We have set up specific drop-in and collection times to limit the numbers arriving at the site at the same time. There will be a one -way system in and out of school. **All** children will enter through the usual main entrance. The bottom gate will remain closed in the morning and afternoon.

Only one parent will be able to guide their child to the gate in the morning and collect from the gate at the end of the afternoon. **Unfortunately, no parents will be allowed in the school building.** Staff will be present to lead and advise at the beginning and end of each day.

**Care Club** – Drop 8am and collect at 3:30pm

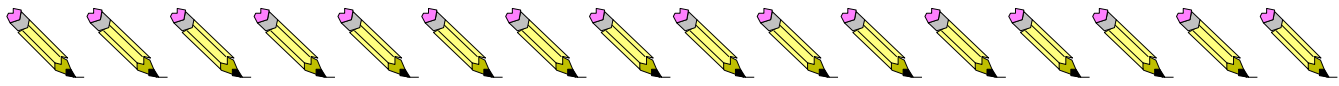
**Year groups** - Drop off at 9am and collect at 3pm

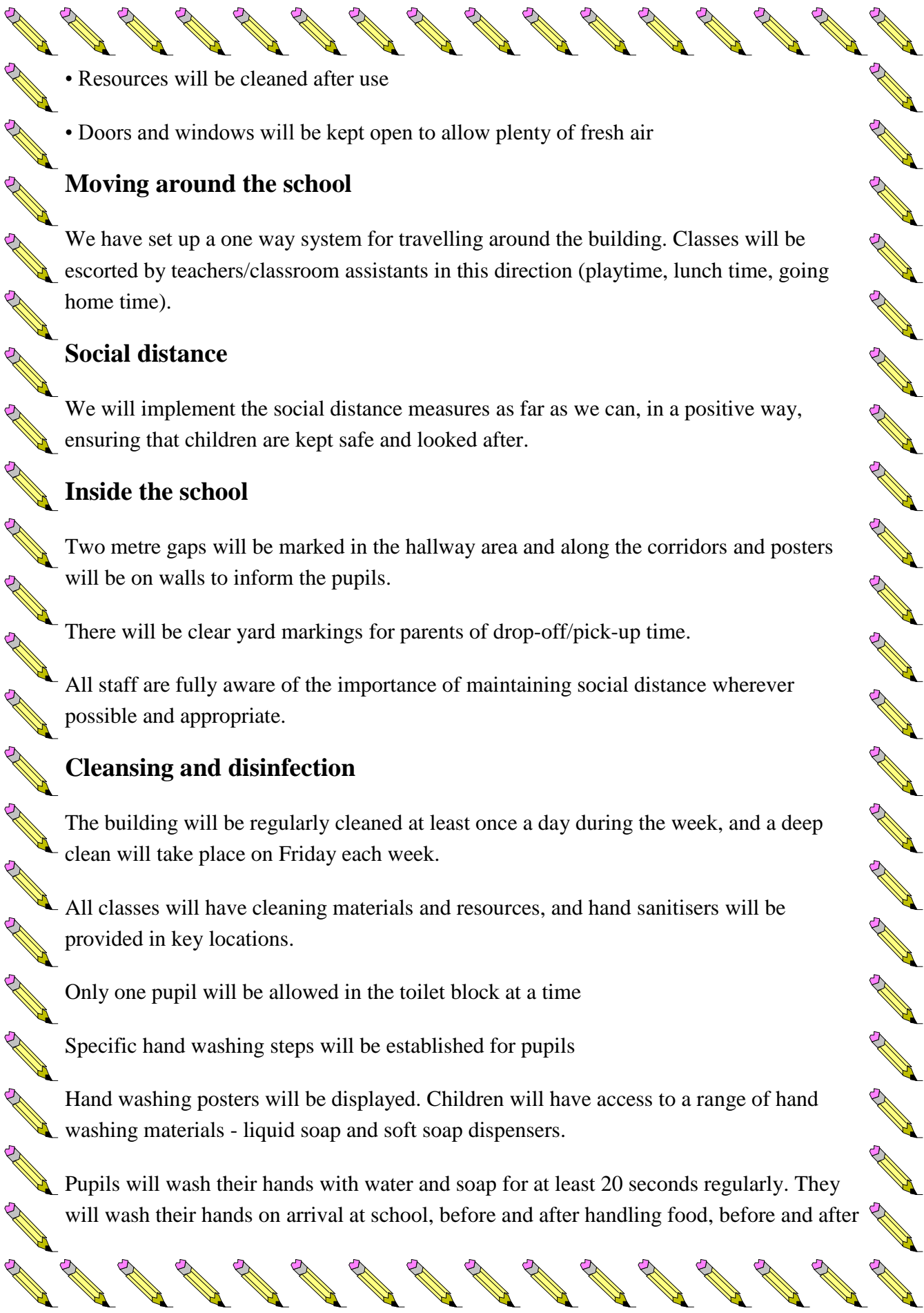
## **Playtimes**

Children will be supervised by school staff during playtimes. Play areas will be separated so that children play within their small groups.

Staff will always strive to ensure that there is an appropriate social distance during playtime, depending on the age and understanding of the children.

## **Classes**

- Wherever possible, the same children and staff will use the same classroom
  - Furniture and desks have been removed to create more space
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- Resources will be cleaned after use

- Doors and windows will be kept open to allow plenty of fresh air

### **Moving around the school**

We have set up a one way system for travelling around the building. Classes will be escorted by teachers/classroom assistants in this direction (playtime, lunch time, going home time).

### **Social distance**

We will implement the social distance measures as far as we can, in a positive way, ensuring that children are kept safe and looked after.

### **Inside the school**

Two metre gaps will be marked in the hallway area and along the corridors and posters will be on walls to inform the pupils.

There will be clear yard markings for parents of drop-off/pick-up time.

All staff are fully aware of the importance of maintaining social distance wherever possible and appropriate.

### **Cleansing and disinfection**

The building will be regularly cleaned at least once a day during the week, and a deep clean will take place on Friday each week.

All classes will have cleaning materials and resources, and hand sanitisers will be provided in key locations.

Only one pupil will be allowed in the toilet block at a time

Specific hand washing steps will be established for pupils

Hand washing posters will be displayed. Children will have access to a range of hand washing materials - liquid soap and soft soap dispensers.

Pupils will wash their hands with water and soap for at least 20 seconds regularly. They will wash their hands on arrival at school, before and after handling food, before and after



handling objects and equipment, and after they blow their nose, sneeze or cough.

Appropriate PPE is provided for personal care, first aid etc. A risk assessment is undertaken for all children needing personal and specific care and the appropriate PPE is used accordingly.

### **Risk assessment**

You will be asked to complete a pupil health risk assessment when the pupils attend school. Under no circumstances should children attend school if they:-

- are feeling unwell, having any of the three COVID-19 symptoms (a new persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- comply with the necessary self-isolation requirements in both cases.

### **Appendix – Arrangements for returning to School 9 am – 3pm**

Year 6:- 29.6.20, 6.7.20, 16.7.20

Year 5:- 30.6.20, 7.7.20

Year 4:- 1.7.20, 8.7.20

Year 3:- 2.7.20, 9.7.20

Year 2:-13.7.20

Year 1:- 14.7.20

15.7.20 Reception class between 9am and 11.30am

The school will only be open for Hub provision on Fridays. Due to the nature of the school and the capacity set, i.e. small numbers allowed in each class, it may be necessary for **all** staff members to be working in school each day. Therefore, teaching staff will use Fridays to prepare and mark online work.

The nursery children who were to start Easter 2020 will now be starting in September.