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Return to school for Foundation Phase
pupils

12/2/21

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well during this difficult and challenging time.

As you have heard, Foundation Phase pupils aged 3 -7 years old (Nursery, reception, year 1 and 2) will return to school in a phased safe and flexible way from February 23rd, with **all** Foundation Phase pupils back in school on March 1st. We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back in school and if you need to discuss any concerns that you may have regarding the return to school arrangements, please either phone/e-mail myself or members of staff.

Here are the arrangements for the safe return of Foundation Phase pupils-

- **Monday February 22nd will be a Planning Day for staff. Provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers will be available.**
- **Tuesday February 23rd- Reception Class (Mrs Price) and Year 2 (Mrs Thomas)**
- **Wednesday February 24th – Nursery (the children that started in September 2020 and January 2021 intake Mrs Price) and Year 1 (Mrs Thomas)**
- **Thursday February 25th -Reception Class (Mrs Price) and Year 2 Mrs Thomas)**
- **Friday February 26th- Nursery (the children that started in September 2020 and January 2021 intake Mrs Price) and Year 1 (Mrs Thomas)**
- **Monday March 1st – all Foundation Phase pupils return – Nursery, reception, Year 1 and 2**
- **There will be no on-site catering and breakfast Club available until the week commencing March 1 – pupils will need to take in packed lunches. Free school meal payments will continue for all eligible pupils.**
- **Breakfast club will also start every day from March 1st from 8am until 8.30am**
- **Pupils in the Foundation Phase will be able to attend school between 8.45 and 9.15am from 23/2/21 but can also attend breakfast Club from 8am onwards from March 1st.**
- **The Schools will continue to make on-site provision (Hwb) available for vulnerable children and children of critical workers only. The link to register will be posted on the school website and on ourschoolsapp every Monday morning and will be closed on Thursdays at 4pm. The on site provision will be open on Monday February 22 at 9 am until 3pm.:**

From 1/3/21 they will be able to attend Breakfast Club from 8am until 8.30am and have school dinners.

School will close at 3pm for ALL pupils.

- **Pupils can wear School uniform.**
- **The School will continue to provide remote learning for pupils in years 3-6 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing on February 22nd**
- **Children who are clinically extremely vulnerable (shielding) should not attend school until at least March 31 and will continue to learn from home.**

Please be assured that the safety of both pupils and staff is our main priority, and we have robust health and safety measures in place, which are consistent with the measures identified in the most recent scientific advice-

- Effective and frequent hand-washing/sanitising
- Managing movements around the school to reduce contacts
- Ventilation in classrooms via open windows/air conditioning
- 2m social distancing between adults at all times
- Maintaining pupils in consistent contact groups/classroom bubbles
- High levels of effective cleaning
- Staff and pupils to stay at home if they have symptoms, have tested positive or are required to self-isolate
- Effective management of symptomatic pupils / staff at school
- Research shows that transmission rates between children and other children, and children and adults in schools is very low; and transmission is more likely in households or via community-based activities for example, sleepovers, children's parties, parents meeting in other homes etc. Children should not be mixing outside of the classroom environment and contact groups/classroom bubbles only apply within the school setting.
- **Please remember:**
- Only one parent to drop-off/collect children
- Follow one way system
- Wear face coverings (unless exempt)
- Do not gather at the school - leave as soon as you have dropped off/collected your children
- Maintain a minimum of 2m social distance from other adults including school staff
- Do not to attend school if self-isolating or you have any symptoms
- If you or your child or anyone else living in your household has any of the Covid-19 symptoms, you must immediately self-isolate and get tested. It is also important that you inform the school if your child tests positive. For all the latest information on schools including a comprehensive list of FAQs please visit our website carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation.
Beverley Owen.