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IMPORTANT ARRANGEMENTS - RETURN OF FOUNDATION CHILDREN FROM 22.02.21

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Yesterday afternoon, some six days after the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, announced that every Foundation Phase child (age 3-7) would return to school after half term, we received the Welsh Government's guidance and directive. With just two days to go before the holidays, schools had to take action and begin arrangements for February 22nd. We won't be in receipt of all the information before Friday, February 12th, so please keep an eye on the school App for any developments/changes. Therefore, I write to you today with some important information to enable parents to make arrangements before the Foundation Phase pupils return in line with Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance.

Class Arrangements (Bubbles)

Schools are expected to keep classes of children separate and not mix with children from other classes. Such systems were in place during the Autumn Term and these systems will continue. See below, our staggered arrangements for the safe return of Foundation Phase children during the week of 22-26 / 02/21.

- Monday February 22nd - No children on site (except HUB for children of key workers who have already used the provision) - day for staff to prepare classes, review risk assessments etc.
- Tuesday February 23rd - Part-time nursery pupils were due to start in January to return (not part-time nursery who started school in September!)
- Wednesday February 24th - Part-time nursery pupils was due to start in January (not part-time nursery pupils who started school in September!) as well as Miss James 'Year 1 class and Mr Evans' Year 2 to return.
- Thursday February 24th - All part time nursery children, Full time Nursery and Reception to return.

Therefore all Foundation Phase children will be back in their classes by Thursday 25/02/2021 and receive full face to face education. No online learning will be provided during this week for Foundation Phase children.

School / class times

The challenge is to get all the children into the building and to leave the building in an orderly and safe way without mixing with other 'bubbles' children. Parents are asked to assist in this process ensuring that they follow our morning and afternoon arrangements and follow the Welsh Government's distance guidelines. Your help and co-operation in waiting for your child to enter and leave school each day is appreciated. Please keep to the times and do not arrive too early as you will be disrupting another group of children and parents. Stand in an orderly manner leaving 2

meters distance between you and other and all parents are expected to wear a face covering whilst on the school grounds. One parent is allowed with his child on drop off and pick up. A parent may not collect another pupil, even if it is a family member.

Not all classes start and finish at the same time. We will continue with our staggered timetable system. See following times.

PEIDIWCH ymuno a'r rhes tan amser dynodedig eich plentyn! **DO NOT** enter the queue until your child's designated time slot!

Lleoliad : Gat wrth y prif fynedfa <i>Location : Gate by main office</i>	Amser Cyrraedd / Arrival time	Amser gadael / Departure time
Blwyddyn / Year 2 Mr D Evans	8:45	2:35
Blwyddyn / Year 1 Miss C James	8:55	2:45
Derbyn / Reception Mrs J Williams	9:05	2:55
Meithrin Llawn / FT nursery Miss A Davies	9:15	3:05
* Meithrin bore / * Morning nursery Mrs S Hughes	* Prif fynedfa / Main entrance 9:25	* Gat wrth y gegin / Collect from gate by kitchen 11:30

Os oes mwy nag un plentyn yn y teulu, yna bydd disgwyl i rieni i ollwng y plant ar yr amser cynharaf a dychwelyd i nol y plant yn ol yr amseroedd dynodedig i bob dosbarth.

If a family has more than one child attending, then they are expected to drop all siblings off at the earliest time and collect at the allocated times given to each class.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN DIFFERENT YEAR GROUPS?

If a family has more than one child attending, then they are expected to drop all siblings off at the earliest time and collect at the allocated times given to each class ie pick up the siblings at their allocated time from their allocated exit point.

Once you have dropped off your child, parents will then be asked to make their way out of school following the one way system. It is really important that parents do not gather around the school grounds/ car park - we cannot reiterate how important this is to reduce transmission within our communities. Please note that staff will be on hand to supervise and support where necessary. Please also respect the 2 metre social distancing rules with our staff.

School dinners / Breakfast provision

There will be no breakfast or school lunch provision for the week 22-26.02.21. We hope that this provision will resume on 01.03.21. You will be notified of this upon our return after half term. As a result, all full time pupils will need to bring a packed lunch with them during the days they attend school in the first week after half term.

Breakfast provision will resume on Monday 01.03 for full time nursery children to Year 2 pupils. Breakfast club provision will only be available to Foundation Phase pupils who used the provision last term or meet the following criteria:

- 1) Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (Free School Meals)
- 2) Pupils who are on the school's vulnerable list
- 3) Key Worker Children - (those who have already used our HWB provision over the recent closure period)

New applications would be welcomed if space is permitted. Please consider fully if you need a place as it could mean that families who really need a place could lose out! Doors to the breakfast club (external hall door) will open at 8:15 and close at 8:30 am.

SCHOOL DINNERS: School dinners will resume on Monday the 1st of March. Remember that you need to order and pay through Parent Pay. You will need to pre-order your child's meal by 8:00 am on the day your child needs a meal or alternatively, you can pre-order for the whole week.

Parental responsibility

It is also important to remember that a return to school is not a return to normal life, and children should not be mixing outside of the classroom environment. Our schools have been successful in providing safe environments for our children and staff, but the classroom bubbles only apply within the school setting, and the 'stay at home' requirements must be adhered to.

IMPORTANT Information for parents : Track, Trace and Protect.

TTP procedures have now recommenced with regards to school pupils regardless whether they attend the school or continue with their online learning at home (KS2).

Under NO circumstances should parents send their child to the school if they:

- ❖ feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or
- ❖ they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 10 days or
- ❖ live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 10 days.

****IMPORTANT**** If your child becomes unwell at home (including weekends and school holidays), with any one of the COVID-19 symptoms or needs to self-isolate, **PARENTS MUST REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO THE TRACK, TRACE AND PROTECT TEAM** by calling Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222 or by emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk who will notify the school on your behalf.

My child has been tested : If the test is **NEGATIVE**, self-isolation can end for everyone as long as nobody else in the household has developed symptoms. **HOWEVER – PARENTS MUST SEND PROOF OF THE NEGATIVE TEST RESULT TO SCHOOL BEFORE A CHILD CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL!** Parents will need to send an email to the school with a 'screen shot' attachment of the results to admin@parcytywyn.ysgolccc.cymru. Unless this proof issued, then we will not allow the pupils back until full isolation period is complete. If the test is **POSITIVE** you will be contacted by the Test, Trace, Protect Team who will advise you and the school further.

HUB for critical workers

The childcare HUB provision for critical workers will continue for the KS2 pupils who have been using the service. Foundation phase pupils who have utilised this provision during the current closure period will be allowed access to this provision during the first week back after half term if their class has not returned to face to face learning in accordance to our staggered return timetable. Application booking form will be shared with these parents by Friday 12.02.21. We are urging parents to please consider very carefully whether it is absolutely essential that you have childcare from your school. Parents should not apply for childcare if they are not scheduled to work and have not exhausted all other possible childcare options; and if they or their partner are able to work from home.

Please note that Foundation Phase pupils will NOT be able to attend the HUB as a wrap around provision once the child's class has returned to face to face learning. This is to reduce the amount of contacts within the school/ across bubbles.

KS2 pupils (Y3 to 6) attending the HUB for critical workers will also be able to use and attend the breakfast club provision. These pupils will access the breakfast club via the main entrance (reception) where a parent will need to sign the pupil in between 8:15 and 8:30 before they can access the provision. HUB worker children will not be allowed entry to the breakfast club between the hours of 8:30-9:00 – If not on the premises by 8:30, pupils will be allowed access to the HUB at 9:00am!

Continuation of online learning for KS2 pupils

KS2 pupils will continue with our existing online provision after half term. Please see our blended learning procedures and timetables on the school's website :

<https://www.ysgolparcytywyn.co.uk/dysgu-o-bellter-distance-learning/>

Any developments in allowing these pupils to return to school will be announced by the First Minister in his 21 day review. The next one is to take place on Friday 19th February. As always, we will keep you informed of any developments.

Thank you all for your support over the last challenging months. A number of changes have had to be made to ensure the safety of all pupils and we are also grateful to all the school staff for their dedication and hard work. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting myself at school today or tomorrow or alternatively, you can send myself an email at craig.davies@parcytywyn.ysgolccc.cymru.

Yours sincerely,

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