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Arrangements After Half-Term

Annwyl Rieni / Warchodwyr,

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will be aware that Welsh Government announced that all Foundation Phase pupils would return to school from 22nd February. After lengthy negotiations with all Local Authorities in Wales, Powys County Council has decided that, for all its primary schools, Monday 22nd February will now be a preparation day with Foundation Phase pupils returning, perhaps on a phased basis, from Tuesday 23rd February. The aim is to give schools a bit more time to ensure everything is in place to make the return as safe as possible before we welcome the Foundation Phase children back to school. We know they have missed being with their friends and they will benefit greatly from being back at school once again.

So, on Monday 22nd February, we will only be open to children of key workers and vulnerable learners in both Foundation Phase and KS2 – just as we have this half term – and we will only be providing child care for this day. There will be no educational provision at school and teachers will not be supporting online learning in Foundation Phase or KS2 either. Our focus will be solely on our risk assessments and operational plans to ensure we continue to be covid-secure when Foundation Phase pupils return.

Important - Please note that children who are shielding must not return to school but children who live with someone who is shielding may return. Please contact us if you want to discuss the measures that are being put in place to reduce risks in this instance.

We will be operating a phased return as follows:



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Monday 22nd February – Key worker children and vulnerable pupils in Foundation Phase and KS2 only.

From Tuesday 23rd February – Years 1 and 2 Welsh Stream and English Stream (Dosbath Gwy and Dosbarth Llyn Tegid) plus Reception and KS2 key worker and vulnerable pupils.

From Wednesday 24th February – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Welsh Stream and English Stream (Dosbarth Irfon, Dosbarth Llyn y Fan, Dosbarth Gwy and Dosbarth Llyn Tegid) plus KS2 key worker and vulnerable pupils.

We have planned for an extra preparation day in Reception classes because we need to now operate Dosbarth Llyn y Fan, Dosbarth Llyn Tegid, Dosbarth Irfon and Dosbarth Gwy as completely separate bubbles and this is going to take quite a lot of organising as children will no longer be able to share resources or outdoor spaces, for example.

Foundation Phase Provision

Each class will be supported by 2 or 3 members of staff who will stay within the bubble. Unfortunately, Miss Bethan Williams is unable to return to school this half term so she will plan, prepare and assess the work for Dosbarth Irfon from home whilst being in regular contact with the class via 'Teams' at intervals throughout the day. Mrs Julie Sullivan and Mrs Sian Davies, who are actually both qualified and very experienced teachers, will support and care for the children in class on a daily basis and they both know the children really well. Mrs Michelle Davies is in the classroom next door and will act in a supervisory role to ensure all is well. All other Foundation Phase classes will be taught at school by their usual teachers and teaching assistants.

Key Stage 2

The vast majority of KS2 pupils will need to be kept at home and continue to be supported with much the same programme of blended learning as has been provided this half term.

Parents who are key workers and who really need a place at school to enable them to work are asked to contact the school by 3.00 p.m. today if you need a place for Monday 22nd February. Requests for the remainder of the week can also be made now if you know your shift patterns, otherwise we will collate requests for Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th when we return on 22nd. We don't expect too many problems accommodating those who have already been attending this half term. We have to continue to keep numbers as low as possible in each class so we are unable to guarantee places for all keyworkers on the days you request them but we will do our best. Priority will be given to children of keyworkers employed in jobs which are critical to the COVID-19 response.



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School Session Times

- 8.50 a.m. Key Stage 2 keyworker and vulnerable pupils arrive (those without siblings in Foundation Phase)
- 9.00 a.m. Welsh Stream Foundation Phase pupils to arrive (including older siblings in KS2 keyworker classes)
- 9.10 a.m. English Stream Foundation Phase pupils to arrive (including older siblings in KS2 keyworker classes)
- 3.10 p.m. Welsh Stream Foundation Phase pupils collected (including older siblings in KS2 keyworker classes)
- 3.20 p.m. English Stream Foundation Phase pupils collected (including older siblings in KS2 keyworker classes)
- 3.30 p.m. All other KS2 keyworker and vulnerable pupils collected

As far as we know, school buses will operate according to their usual timetables. Children will be met at the gate and admitted as soon as they arrive at school.

Uniform

Children will not need to wear uniform at least until we receive an update on provision for Key Stage 2 pupils later in the term. Please dress your child in warm clothes and send wellies so they can go onto the field and spend as much time learning in the fresh air as we can comfortably manage. Foundation Phase teachers will notify you of P.E. days after half-term so you know when to make sure your child is wearing suitable clothes for outdoor P.E.

KS2 pupils in the keyworker classes should also bring wellies or old trainers to go on the field.

School Dinners

School dinners will continue to be provided for all pupils, as usual, and following the regular Powys menu.

Busy Bees will remain closed for the time-being but we will review the situation at our next committee meeting in March.

We will provide further updates after half-term but hopefully this information will help you to make preparation for our Foundation Phase return. **We very much look forward to welcoming your child.**



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Finally, I must stress a very important point. In her announcement on 5th February, the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams made it clear that everyone must still continue to abide by Level 4 lockdown rules and do everything possible to keep us all safe. Children must not mix in groups outside school even with children from the same school bubble – no play dates, parties or sleepovers. Please help us to keep everyone safe and follow these rules.

Diolch yn fawr,

G. Cornelius

Headteacher



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