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## Important Information for the Return to School on 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Annwyl Rieni / Warchodwyr,

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that children have been able to make the most of some time away from school.

You should by now have seen the letter to Headteachers from Cllr. Phyl Davies on behalf of Powys County Council. If not, you can find it on our school website under 'School News'. The letter explains why all schools in Powys will be taking a cautious approach to managing the risks of Covid-19 transmission and that many of the measures that were in place last year will still be operating for the first few weeks at least. We are very aware that the rules are very different in many aspects of society and we hope to be able to return to a more normal school day from 20<sup>th</sup> September, in line with the plans set out by Welsh Government before the summer break. The situation will be reviewed by schools and Powys County Council over the coming weeks.

Therefore, most arrangements will remain the same as last term with a few changes. The main points to be aware of for our school are:

- **Most importantly of all – children who are unwell must not come to school and especially if they have any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, a new continuous cough and / or a**



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**loss of taste or smell).** If your child has been vomiting they should always stay away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting.

- Parents must contact the school to inform us at the earliest opportunity if you are keeping your child off school. Please follow the self-isolation guidance below so that your child only returns to school when it is deemed safe to do so.  
[Self-isolation | GOV.WALES](#)
- Good hygiene practice will continue to be very important and regular handwashing will remain a feature of the school day.
- Children should wear uniform as stipulated in our Prospectus / uniform policy (copy on school website). As clothes need to be cleaned regularly, we will make some allowance when you run out of clean jumpers, etc. but we may well have spares in the office, so please ask.
- School must start at 9:00 a.m. There can be no staggered start times. However, in order to keep the number of people arriving at the same time to a minimum, the school gates will be open from 8:40 a.m. There will be no queueing between 8:40-9:00 but anyone arriving before 8:40 must queue 2m apart as indicated by the red spots on the pavement.  
Children should enter school by going directly to their classrooms through the external doors and not via the cloakrooms. Staff will be on hand to guide them.
- The school day will end at 3:25 p.m. Again, in order to keep the number of people leaving at the same time to a minimum, the gates will be open to parents of Foundation Phase children, including those with older siblings in KS2, from 3:20 p.m. Parents with children in KS2 only are asked to arrive between 3.30-3.40 p.m. The gates will close at 3:40 p.m. and after this time children will be taken to After-School Club which will be charged at the going rate.  
Please stand 2m apart if queueing at the gate and keep 2m apart on the playground. Only one parent or carer to come to collect please and do not bring dogs onto the premises. Please do not hang around to chat as we need to keep everyone moving at such a busy time. It will usually be possible to have a quick word with teachers – especially for parents of our new starters and younger children – but please maintain a 2m distance.
- We ask that parents use telephone contact or email to communicate with us as far as possible.
- We also ask that parents continue to wear face coverings on school premises.
- All children will need a drink in a bottle which can be refilled with water during the day. We also ask parents to provide a piece of fruit. Y5/6 children have a longer wait for lunch than the other year groups so please try to make sure they have something to keep them going.
- We have to maintain contact groups for children for the next few weeks at least. This means we will continue to have staggered break and lunchtimes so groups do not mix.



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- Class teachers will send their own letters over the next few days explaining things that are specific to their class, such as P.E. days, reading books, etc.
- Clwb Bore Da Breakfast Club and Busy Bees After-School Club will be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Please help us to continue to do all we can to keep everyone safe and prevent the virus from spreading further within our community. We all look forward to a return to some more 'normality' and hopefully very soon.

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