

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tyle'r Ynn

Phased Return to School

A Guide for Parents



Guidance

Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings



- In this presentation, you will find the **procedures and protocols** that we have put into place to make the wider opening of our school as safe as possible and maintain social distancing.
- We have followed the guidance set out by Welsh Government which you can find on the government website), we have worked in consultation with NPT Council.
- <https://gov.wales/keep-education-safe-operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-covid-19>
- We **continually adapt our plans as the guidance is updated** and so the protocols set out in this presentation are subject to change.
- We do envisage having to change how we work once the children are back and we will continue to make improvements over the coming months.

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Who can come into school?



- In line with guidance from the Welsh Government, we will start to welcome a number of children back into school in the week commencing 29th June

Only children from years 1-6 will be returning to school.

- α This will involve children being in 'bubble' groups of up to 7 children.
- The children of key workers will be able to attend school for their one day allocation, and then the HUB for the rest of the week.
- α **We reserve the right to terminate your child's place immediately and without prejudice in the following circumstances:**
 - If you or your child fail to comply with any of our policies or procedures, including behavior, health and safety.
 - If your child is feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of the virus.



A phased return



- The government has amended its **attendance** policies and **no family** will be penalized for keeping their child/ children at home.
- We will continue to keep you up-to-date using Class Dojo as decisions are made regarding reintroducing other children to school. Keep checking and keep in touch if you have any questions!



ClassDojo
Available on iOS
and Android

Clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable children



- The government has divided people who may become more poorly than others should they contract Covid 19 into two groups - clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable.
- If a child has been advised to shield because they are **clinically extremely vulnerable** then they **should not attend** school at this time.
- **Clinically vulnerable** children should seek **medical advice** about returning to school and we will complete a **risk assessment** for them before they return.
- If you are unsure as to whether this includes you, please visit the government website for more information.
- Details about clinically extremely vulnerable people can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>
- Details about clinically vulnerable people can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing#clinically-vulnerable-people>

What about if there is someone clinically vulnerable in my household?



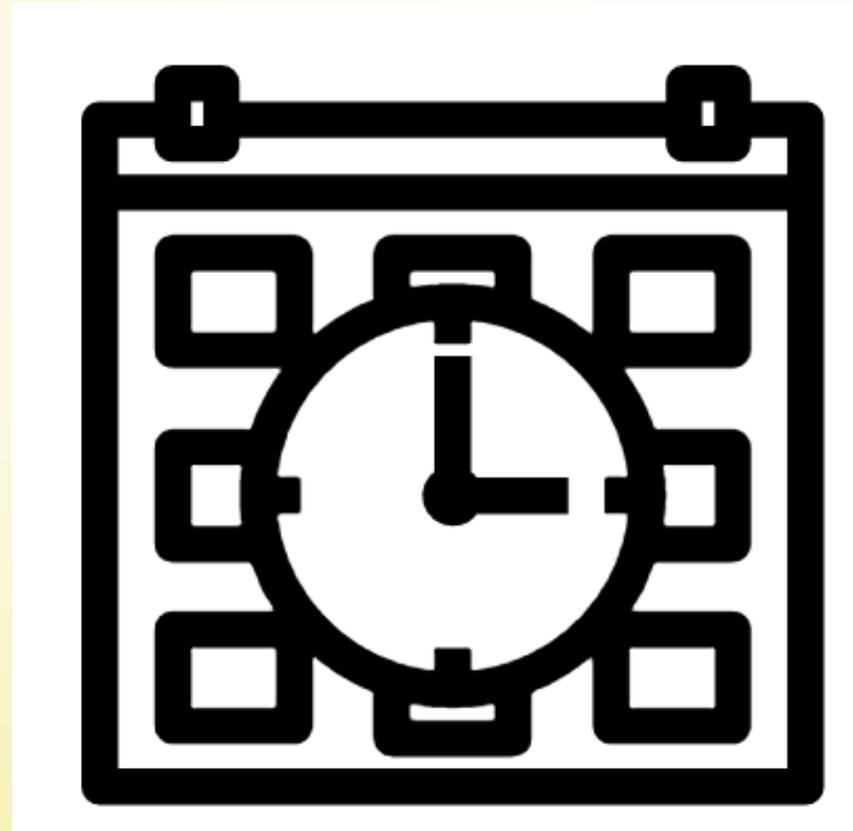
- If a child lives with someone who is classed as **extremely clinically vulnerable** and they have been told they must **shield**, it is advised that these children attend school if “stringent social distancing can be adhered to” and the child has the capacity to “understand and follow” such stringent instructions.
- At this moment in time, particularly whilst we settle into our new routines, it is felt that **stringent social distancing cannot be guaranteed at all times** and as such, **children living with someone who is classed as extremely clinically vulnerable cannot return to school.**
- “If a child, lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.”

What about the children who will not be attending school?



- We will continue to produce home learning resources for **all year groups** to support those staying home and will continue to share these through J2launch.
- The work done in school will be **aligned with the home learning** as much as possible to ensure consistency for all of our children.
- Many teachers will be working **full time at school** from 29th of June, and so J2messenger and Dojo contact during the day may be reduced. Your child's class teacher will try to stay in touch as much as possible. Please continue to send us your and messages –it's great to keep in touch!

Section 2: The School Day



Groups or 'Bubbles'



- To maintain **social distancing** we are only able to accommodate a maximum of 7 children in each classroom.
- Each group will become a 'bubble' and the groups of children will not mix with other groups at any point during the day.
- Each bubble will be led by a teacher and we hope to keep the same one or two adults with each group of children.



Social distancing



- The Welsh government have acknowledged that social distancing in primary schools will be very challenging and cannot be guaranteed. We have set procedures in place to maximize distancing where possible.
- To ensure the safety of all our staff and children, the 'bubbles' **will NOT mix** with other groups.
- Children will have their own tables and equipment which are 2 meters from the other tables. Movement around the room will be limited.
- We will be introducing **staggered break times and lunch times** to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. You will find details of these in the next section.
- We do ask that when dropping children off and picking them up, you follow the guidance we set out very strictly.



Social distancing in school



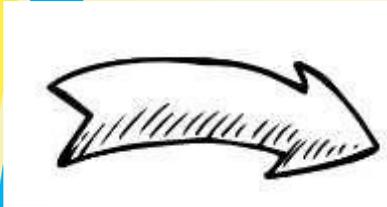
- All groups will have an **allocated classroom** and the desks will be arranged at least 2m apart.
- Each child will have a **pot or tray** containing the resources that they might need and **resources will not be shared**.
- The children will eat their lunch in their classroom and they will **not mix** with any other group.

Social distancing in school



- The school day will look very different and the children will not be allowed to move around the school as normal.
- Only one child from any 'bubble' will be able to use the toilet at a time. The teachers and teaching assistants will ensure that only one child at a time is allowed into the toilet area.
- The **playground** and the **field** will be split into zones and timetabled. Each 'bubble' will be assigned an area and will need to stay in this zone throughout play time.
- During lesson times, the children have to **remain in the class until their teacher says it's safe for them to leave.**

How will we ensure the children follow the measures?



- We understand that coming back into school may be **extremely daunting** for our children, especially with so many new rules and everything looking very different.
- We will ensure that all staff will explain the measures put in place by the school clearly and reassure and talk to the children everyday about the importance of **good hygiene** and **social distancing**.
- We have placed floor markings and signs around school to remind children (and staff) about what we are doing to keep everybody safe.



The Curriculum

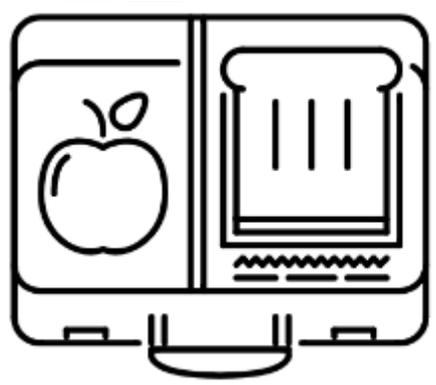


- We will have a large focus on the **wellbeing** of our children in the classroom alongside supporting children to progress in their learning.
- We will teach the children about the importance of **hand washing** and maintaining hygiene and this will become part of the daily routine.
- We will review **social distancing** measures regularly in class.
- We will strive to **maintain consistency** between the remote learning for pupils learning at home and those at school.

Break times and Lunch times



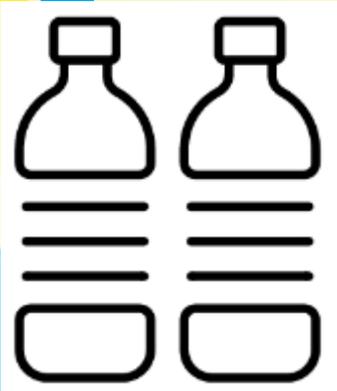
- Each 'bubble' will have an allocated break and lunch time.
- For those children who have **free school meals**, or a **paid for school meal**, **packed lunch** will be provided and the children will eat in their classroom.
- All other children must bring their own packed lunch to eat in their classroom.
- The field and the playground will be split into **zones** and these will be **timetabled**.
- Each 'bubble' will be given a set of outdoor toys. These **will be cleaned before and after use**.



Resources



- Children will only need the following equipment and must not bring any other items into school...



- A water bottle
 - Sun hat
 - Coat
 - Packed lunch (unless he/ she is ordering a school dinner)
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- Where possible, please **do not bring a school bag** as we are not able to use cloakrooms at this time.
 - All other resources will be provided by and remain in school.

Uniform

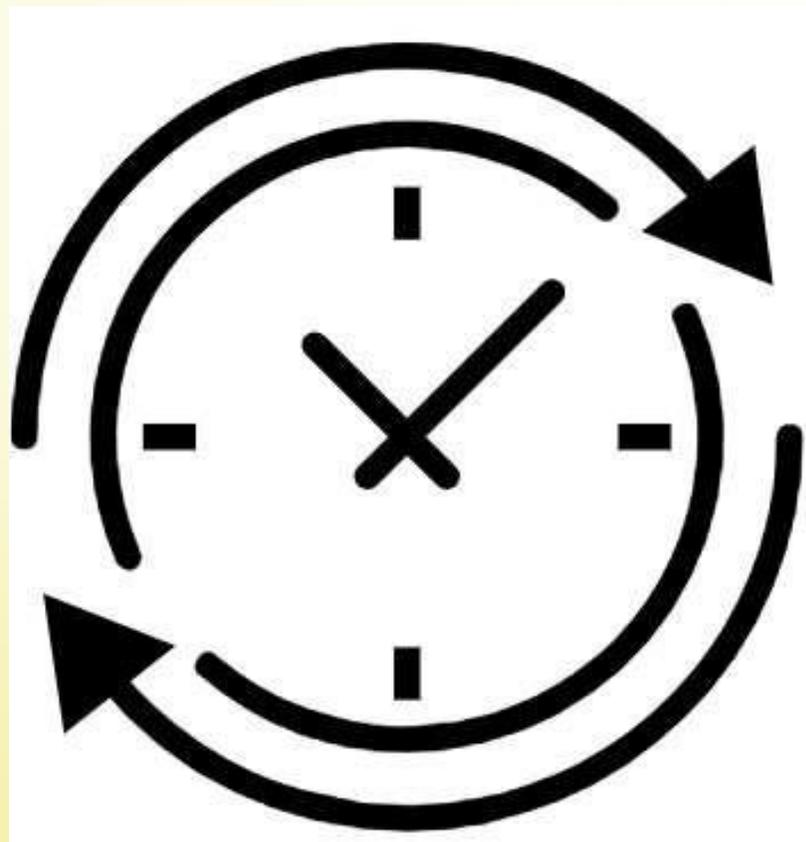


- Children are not expected to wear school uniform but we are expecting that children wear sensible, practical clothes which are suitable for PE and outdoor activities:
 - Trainers
 - Leggings/ jogging bottoms/ shorts (of an appropriate length)
 - Plain top





Section 3: Routines, timing and structure



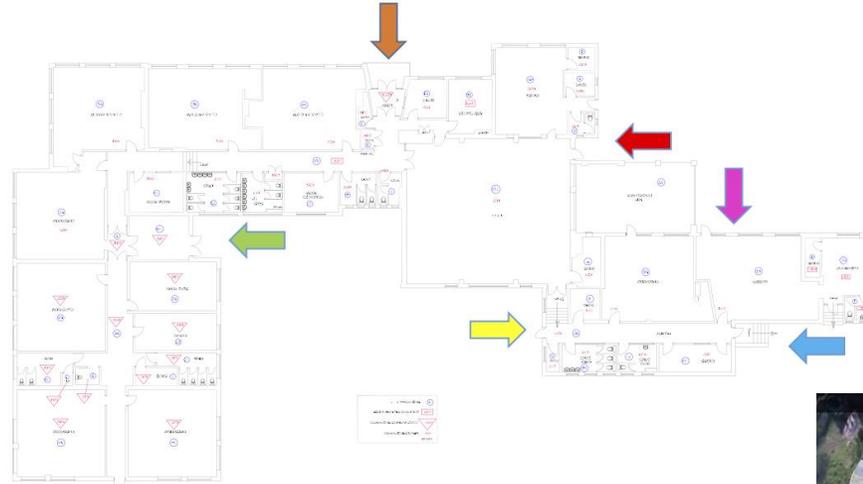
Getting to school and getting home



- Only one adult should accompany each child to school, preferably on foot or bike.
- Every parent/guardian is expected to adhere to the 2-meter rule whilst entering and leaving the school premises.
- We do understand that this will not apply to **siblings**.
- Please **do not enter** the school site except to drop off and collect your child
- The one way system we have in place must be followed at all times. See slide 22.
- Please **do not enter** the schoolbuilding.
- Children of key workers will enter the HWB facility via the Nursery class doors. See slide 21.



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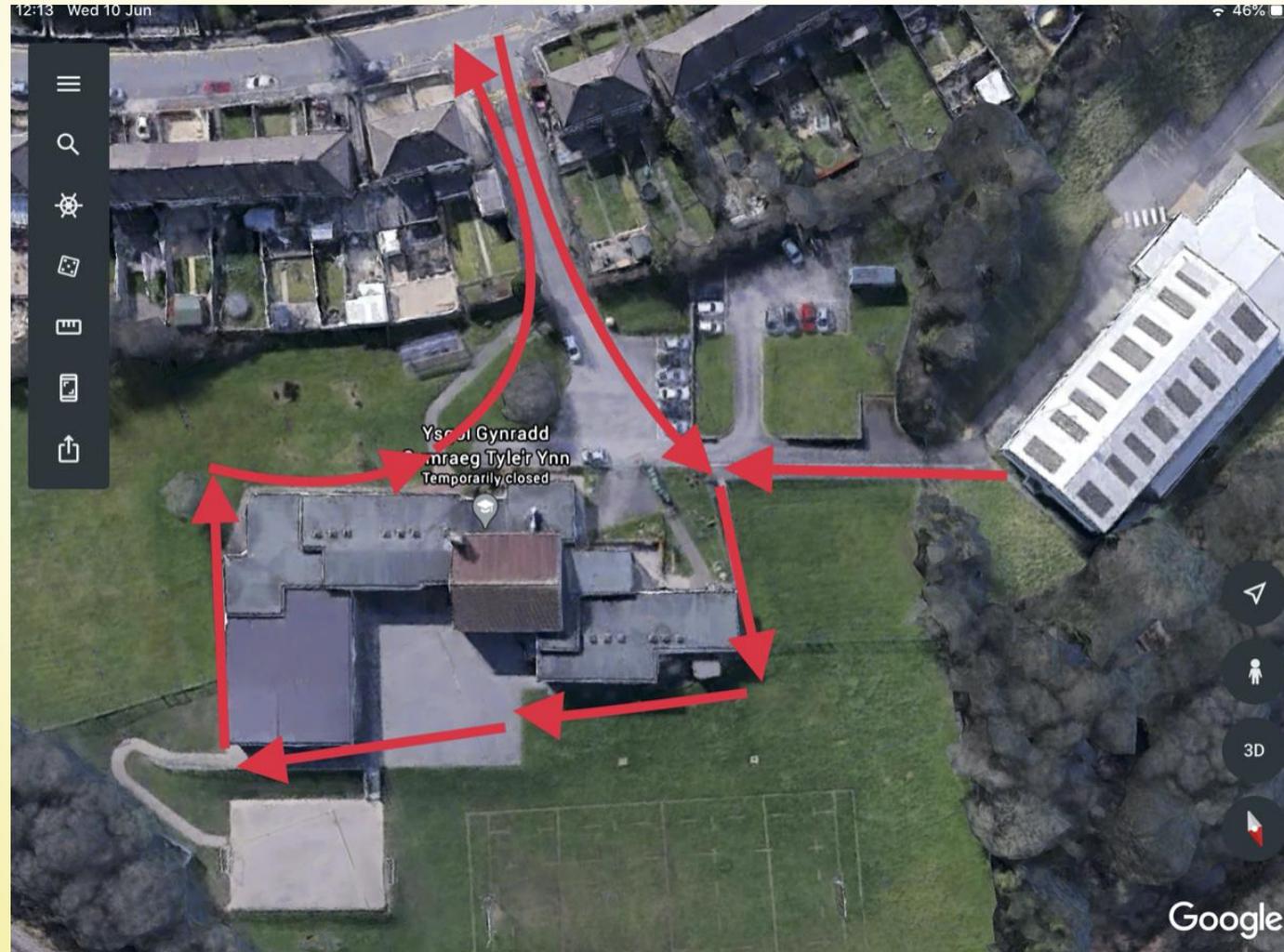


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What
entrance do
we use?

One way system





Section 4: Hygiene and cleaning



Hand washing and hygiene



- ✘ All children and adults in school will follow the following rules for hand washing:
- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water –do this for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available. Hand sanitiser will be available in the classroom.
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ Put used tissues into the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- ✓ Hands are to be washed on entry to school; before and after break time; before and after lunch; after taking part in PE lessons; before leaving school and if anyone has sneezed or coughed into their hands.
- ✘ Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

Hand washing and hygiene



- All classrooms have a designated toilet area and one child at a time will be able to access this. All toilets have sinks with **soap and water**.
- **Hand sanitiser** is also available in each classroom.
- There is 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' signage throughout school and this will also become part of the daily curriculum in class.
- Each classroom has a designated '**tissue bin**' and all tissues should be placed into these bins. These bins will be emptied during the day.
- Doors and windows will be open to **maximise ventilation**.



Cleaning



- All classrooms have been **deep cleaned**.
- Staff will have access to cleaning wipes and common 'touch points' will be wiped down regularly during the day.
- **Cleaning records** will be displayed in classrooms and other communal areas. They will be signed when the area has been cleaned.
- Tissue bins will be emptied during the day.

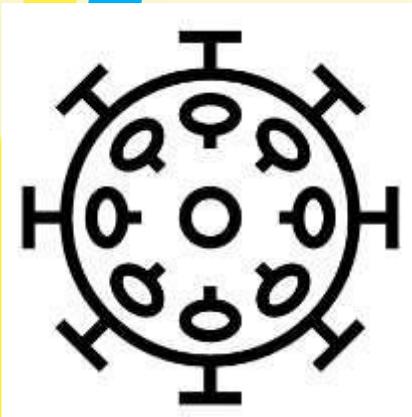
PPE at School



- The government states that education staff do not need PPE, and so it will only be used as and when necessary **i.e. contact with anyone displaying Covid 19 symptoms.**
- Children are **not** encouraged to wear masks or gloves and the government guidance suggests this could increase risk of infection.
- A **First Aid Room** has been set up in school and staff in this area will wear PPE to deal with normal injuries or illness.



Anyone showing symptoms



✘ If a child or adult in school has any of the following symptoms:

➤ a new continuous cough

➤ a high temperature

➤ a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

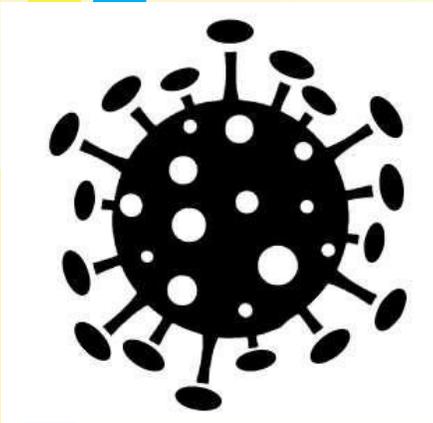
they must let an adult know *immediately*. The child or member of staff will then be moved to another room where an adult wearing PPE will be available to supervise.

☐ Parents/carers **must** collect their child at the **earliest opportunity**.

☐ **A separate toilet** is available for anyone displaying symptoms. No other children will access this area.



If an adult or child tests positive



- If an adult or child tests positive for Covid- 19, the whole 'bubble' that the child was in will be sent home and they must self- isolate for 14days.
- The classroom and toilet areas for this 'bubble' will be deep cleaned.
- We will inform Public Health Wales and take guidance from them regarding any further action.



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Section 5: What next?



Uncertain times



- .We are continually checking the government guidance and are making changes as and when necessary to do so.
- Please know that **everything we do** is for the **safety of our community**.
- At each stage, we will keep you informed.



Thank you!

- We are grateful for all of your kind messages and want to work with you to make this successful and safe return to school. The partnership between home and school is more important than ever before and we really appreciate your support!
- If you have any further questions, please contact us via email.

