

Baglan Primary School



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

PHASED RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE – ADDITIONAL RECOVERY PLAN DETAILS

From the 29th June 2020, it is the intention that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school for a ‘Check in, Catch Up and Prepare for Summer and September’ session. You will see that Nursery and Reception children are **not** included in this return. The guidance from NPT Local Authority is for schools to focus on Year 1 to Year 6 children, so that we have capacity to be able to provide care for the children of key workers. Distance learning will continue for both Nursery and Reception until the 24th July 2020.

I would like to share the following information regarding the way that this check in system will be organised. Hopefully this will help you come to your own decision as a family as to whether you wish your child to return before the summer:

- Since class sizes will have to be small (maximum of 10 children per class), children will only attend once a week Monday to Thursday and on Friday, school will be open for staff to plan for the following week and continue to provide work for children who are distance learning.
- **Children will now have the opportunity to check in and catch up on 4 dates before the end of the Summer term.**
- **Weeks 1 (29.06.2020) to Week 4 (20.07.2020) will see the children return for one day per week. These dates and times will be sent to parents via See Saw or a phone call no later than Monday 22nd June.**
- The children will engage in a range of activities which will include learning and well-being.
- A strict cleaning regime will be in place every day.
- Children will be in a class group and will remain with only these children throughout the day.
- Class groups will be arranged in advance giving priority to siblings attending on the same day as far as possible

- Children will be with their own teacher, there may be occasions when this is not always possible.
- Break times will be staggered to ensure numbers in any area remain low.
- Lunch will be eaten in classrooms or outside, parents will be asked to provide a packed lunch.
- Cloakroom areas will be out of use and bags and coats will be stored in classrooms.
- School uniform will be optional. There will be no requirement to wear school uniform; children should dress in PE kit or joggers for comfort and also to be prepared for any physical activity during the day. Please ensure your child wears sensible footwear.
- Children will be asked to bring in only essential items. This is important in order to minimise items brought in to school. The children will need to bring in their own pencil cases. Their pencil case should only contain: one pen, one pencil, a ruler, rubber, sharpener and one small pack of coloured pencils. Children will not be permitted to share these items with others.
- Children will be seated 2 metres apart and will line up 2 metres apart, in line with current guidance.
- We will ensure toilet areas are used by no more than 2 children at any one time.
- Drop off and pick up times will be carefully managed to ensure that we don't have large gatherings at the school gate, by organising staggered start and finish times for each class. Please do not remain near the gates.
- All children will enter the school via the main school gate on Lodge Drive and will be met by a member of staff to avoid groups of people gathering on the school premises. Staggered starts will support social distancing and unnecessary interaction.
- Breakfast Club will not be available at this time for any children, following local authority guidance.
- Regular handwashing will take place throughout the day.
- Children who currently attend emergency childcare will continue to do so Monday- Friday at Baglan Primary School. **This emergency childcare will operate between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.**
- For everyone's safety, you will be able to contact us by telephone throughout this period; it will not be possible to come on to school premises during this time in order to limit the number of people who mix with staff and children. By exception, parents will be asked to collect their children in the event that they are ill or by appointment. Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact number for yourselves.

- Children will be asked to bring in packed lunch, clearly labelled with their name. This will also apply to key workers' children and children in receipt of free school meals, as the free school meal allowance will continue throughout this time and throughout the summer holidays. There will be no hot food served.
- Children will also be asked to bring a full water bottle as the water dispenser will not be in use.

I am aware that many parents have concerns about social distancing. We will of course be speaking to the children about the importance of maintaining an appropriate distance. However, whilst it is easy for staff to distance from children, the children will struggle to distance from each other- and they will be very excited to see staff and friends.

The staff and I will be planning very carefully over the following weeks to create a safe environment for the children and ourselves.

Please know that whatever you choose to do, you will have our full support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N E Morgan

Headteacher Baglan Primary School