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Return to School – September 2020

14th July 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the announcement from the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, regarding the reopening of schools to all pupils from September 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to outline our plans for the new school year.

Return to School Dates/Structure

Preparation Days – Tuesday, 1st and Wednesday & 2nd September 2020 – **School closed to all pupils.**

Transition Days – Thursday, 3rd & Friday, 4th September – **School open to new pupils and pupils moving to a new classroom or to be full time pupils.**

- **Selected LSC Pupils (teachers will contact individuals);**
- **All Reception (Mrs Timmins/Mrs Rudge), Year 1 (Mr Curtis), Year 3 (Mrs Wheadon) pupils;**
- **Year 5 pupils (new to Mrs Jones' class only).**

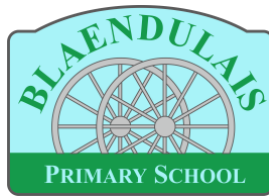
This will afford the children the opportunity to meet their new teachers, and undertake transition activities, in a smaller environment before all pupils return.

School reopens – Monday, 7th September – **School open to all pupils. New nursery age pupils should contact the school office on (01639) 700261 to arrange a visit – do this from Tuesday, 1st September.**

Further advice on the return to school in September can be found overleaf. Once again, thank you for your support over the past year. Have a great summer – we look forward to welcoming the pupils back in September.

Yours sincerely,

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1. 'Bubbles'/Contact Groups

Welsh Government have informed schools that 'Bubbles'/Contact Groups can be made up of, up to, 30 pupils. Within a 'Bubble', pupils can co-exist without Social Distancing – for clarity, our 'Bubbles' will be Early Years, Foundation Phase Building (Y1/2 & LSC1), Dosbarth Mrs Wheadon, Dosbarth Mrs Jones and LSC2. Pupils will be asked to maintain excellent hygiene and common sense, but minimal mixing of 'Bubbles' may occur within toilets, corridors etc. The school will continue to operate the current procedures, including entry/exit points found within the 'Recovery Plan'. Adults will continue to use Social Distancing measures.

2. 'Blended Learning'

The school has successfully implemented 'Blended Learning'. If further 'Lockdowns' were required, the school would re-implement online learning. Where pupils are required to 'Shield', school would ensure they are suitably supported.

3. Health

If your child is showing any of the following symptoms, please do not send them into school:

- New continuous cough;
- Loss of Taste / Smell;
- High temperature.

If your child displays symptoms whilst in school, we will contact you as a matter of urgency to come and collect them. It is extremely important that we have correct and up to date contact details and that parents/designated contacts are available throughout the day – please complete form - <https://cutt.ly/lpA8K7t>

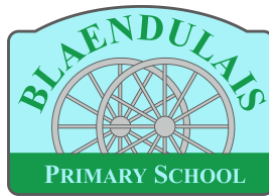
4. Shielding

Current 'Shielding' advice is due to change in August. We are awaiting new guidance for September 2020.

5. Health & Safety

Areas of the school will be marked out to allow for 2 metre distancing. There will be regular cleaning throughout the school day, with all hard touch surfaces being wiped over frequently. Windows/Doors will remain open throughout the day.

It is essential that pupils wash their hand thoroughly before, and after, going to the toilet. In order to maximise cleanliness, year groups will be assigned cubicles and wash basins - urinals will not be used. Guidance remains that washing your hands regularly for twenty seconds is the best form of defence against this virus.



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6. Site Access

The school has been advised that no parents or visitors can access the school premises or building at this time – unless subject to a Risk Assessment. If you need to speak to a teacher, or another member of staff, then please either telephone or email/message and someone will be able to help you.

Parents are asked to drop children off to school at the following access points:

- Early Years – off road access from Heol Hen;
- Infants – use Infant gate off rear of Standert Terrace, directly onto Infant yard;
- Juniors – Dosbarth Mrs Wheadon/Mrs Williams LSC2 - use main gate off staff car park, Dosbarth Mrs Jones – use hall fire exit.

7. Cleaning

The school will be receiving regular cleaning throughout the school day with all hard touch surfaces being wiped over frequently. **As a school we take pride in the cleanliness of our building and will continue to ensure that our high standards of cleaning are maintained.**

8. LSC Transport

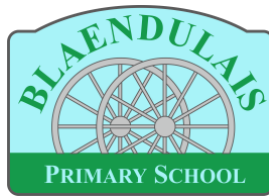
NPT Transport will contact you over the summer to share arrangements.

9. Structure of the Day

Pupils arrival on site will be staggered to ensure social distancing pre and post school. Again, parents/carers/taxi escorts are asked to remain off site before and after school. A member of staff will always be available to meet your child at the start of the day and will hand over to you at the end of the day.

Please ensure you arrive/depart to/from school punctually, this will help maintain a safe environment for all. If you expect to be running late, please let your child's teacher know.

Class	Building	Start Time	Break time	Dinner time	Dinner Time on Yard	Home time
Nursery/Reception	Early Years	08.40	10.30	12.20	12.45	15.05
Y1/2 Mr Curtis	Foundation Phase	08.55	10.30	12.20	12.45	15.20
Y3/4/5 Mrs Wheadon	Key Stage Two	08.40	10.30	12.20*	12.45*	15.05



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Y5/6 Mrs Jones	Key Stage Two	08.50	10.30	12.20*	12.45*	15.15
LSC 1 - Mrs Totterdale	Foundation Phase	08.50	10.30	12.20	12.45	15.15
LSC 2 - Mrs Williams	Key Stage Two	08.50	10.30	12.20*	12.45*	15.15
*Subject to change (if required)						

10. Expectations

If we feel that a pupil is purposely ignoring requests to remain safe or is behaving in a way that puts other pupils and staff in danger, then parents/carers will be contacted, and a Risk Assessment will be put in place. If the pupil continues to put others at risk, then alternative arrangements may be sought. We would ask that you reinforce the importance of these expectations to your child before they attend school.

11. Equipment

We ask that you send your child into school with a pencil case including the general equipment that they need, i.e. pencil, pen, ruler, rubber etc.

12. Breakfast Club/Dinner/Sandwiches

There is **no Breakfast Club** at any NPT school until further notice.

School dinners – **specific arrangements are to be confirmed**. All school dinners will be taken in classrooms, they will be delivered to pupils to avoid any unnecessary footfall.

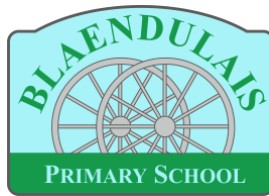
Packed Lunch/Sandwiches – pupils are welcome to bring a packed lunch to school. This will be eaten in the classroom. **All rubbish must be returned home in pupils' bags.**

Pupils can bring in their own named water bottles. However, the water fountain will not be in use.

13. Dinner Payment

The school is not permitted to handle any cash/cheques. **Please refer to your 'Parent Pay' setup letter – you will find your unique username and password. If Parent Pay payment is not received, meals will not be served.** You will be contacted to make alternative meal arrangements.

14. Expectations of Parents



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We would ask that you:

- Read and understand the guidance;
- Check your child for symptoms every morning. If any symptoms are displayed, keep the child home and contact the school;
- Ensure the school has up to date contact information and somebody is easily contactable whilst the child is in school;
- Equip your child with a pencil case and the appropriate stationery items (pens, pencils, ruler, sharpener, rubber). Pupils will not be allowed to share or borrow equipment.
- Talk through the expectations around Social Distancing and general behaviour with your child. This is a 'new normal' and pupils will need time to understand what is required of them to ensure the school community remains safe.
- Ensure your child comes to school with drinking water in a bottle labelled with their name. Our water fountains will be switched off.