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Dear parents/carers,

We have been receiving guidance from the Government and Local Authority about schools reopening from June 29th. The purpose of reopening from this date is to 'check in and catch up' with all pupils before the Autumn Term. In the short term, schools will be very different to normal. This letter aims to give you important information regarding our plans for a safe return to school from June 29th. I have also added some frequently asked questions and answers. **We completely respect any decision made regarding your child's return.** Key information:

- The school will have a very detailed Risk Assessment and Operational Plan (produced alongside City and County of Swansea) in place to ensure the school environment is **as safe as possible** for your children.
- Social distancing measures will be in place, but be aware that we **cannot** guarantee social distancing at all times.
- Strict hygiene and cleaning routines will be in place, including regular handwashing. All children will have hygiene and behaviour expectations explained on arrival.
- The school will be split into 6 zones, each with access to its own unisex toilets, entry/exit point and outdoor area. Only one pupil will be permitted in the toilet at any one time. Specific cubicles will be allocated to boys or girls.
- Upon confirmation of your child's return, we will allocate them to a day in a group of no more than 8 children. Children will only be spending time with the children in their own group. The group and day will remain constant throughout this period.
- Only 1/3 of the children can be in school at any one time. We aim to provide each child with up to 4 days contact time **with their class teacher** during the 4 weeks. This will be in the form of **one day per week**.
- We will try our very best to ensure siblings attend on the same day and that children are placed with friends (if possible).
- Groups will attend on either a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday with Wednesday allocated to deep cleaning and planning.
- Please note that The Local Authority has now decided that all Nursery children across Swansea will return in September.
- There will be staggered drop off and pick up times to support social distancing. Specific details will follow.
- Children will not be permitted to bring a school bag with them. All equipment will be provided by the school. All pupils will be required to bring a packed lunch, a drink and a coat. Specific details will follow.

- Children **do not** need to wear school uniform. Clothing should be appropriate for the weather and outdoors.
- Staff are really looking forward to seeing the children and they will be following WG guidance with the emphasis on 'checking in, catching up and preparing.'
- **Please note that the provision of home learning will continue for all pupils, whether they return to school or not.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at school or by email. A huge thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents, and indeed the whole school community, for the support and resilience shown during this time.

Jamie Evans

(Acting Headteacher)

Frequently asked questions

1	Will school be fully open from 29 th June 2020?	No. From 29 th June 2020, the Welsh Government has asked schools to work towards a phased return with only a maximum of 1/3 of the children in school at any one time.
2	How many days will my child have in school between 29 th June and 24 th July?	We are planning to offer up to 4 full days to every child over the course of the school opening.
3	Can I choose which days my child/ren attend?	No. We're sorry but there are a lot of factors which need to be considered: availability of staff, emergency childcare, family groups, friendships.
4	Will Breakfast Club or after school clubs be running?	No. We do not have the capacity to run Breakfast Club or after school clubs.
5	Does my child have to return to school before the summer holiday?	No. Where a parent or carer wishes for their child to remain at home, the school will support this decision. Local Authority will not be issuing fines for children who do not attend.
6	I am a keyworker. What happens now?	School has remained open for a small number of children for whom their parents or carers are Covid19 critical keyworkers. From June 29 th , it will run from 8:30am - 3:30pm There will be a maximum capacity in place. If both parents are key workers and you require the service, please contact the school via phone or email for more information.
7	My child is currently in receipt of a shielding letter from the WG (Clinically extremely vulnerable). What will happen?	Welsh Government guidelines remain that anyone who is currently shielding should not come back to school for the time being.
8	Can you guarantee my child will not come into contact with someone with Covid19 whilst at school?	No. The school will be as safe as reasonably possible, and we have written a comprehensive return to school plan, which identifies ways that we will attempt to minimise the risk of cross-infection. However, scientific evidence highlights the fact that schools cannot guarantee pupil safety.

9	Can you guarantee social distancing within school?	No. The school will be as safe as reasonably possible. Our children are young and the younger they are the more difficult it will be to manage social distancing. However, control measures are in place to reduce this where possible.
10	Will staff be wearing PPE?	PPE will be worn for certain tasks such as first aid.
11	Will visitors be allowed in school, including parents?	School will be minimising face to face contact. Parents will not be allowed into school unless by prior arrangement with the Headteacher. As always, if you have any concerns you should contact the school by phone or email.
12	The family of a child who is attending school is not following Government guidelines on social distancing. What will happen?	School is not able to police the actions of families. However, where there is clear evidence that families are not following social distancing guidelines then provision will be stopped.
13	My child is displaying symptoms. Can they come to school?	No. Anyone displaying the following symptoms should remain at home – new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. NB If anyone in your home starts to display symptoms you must let us know immediately.
14	What happens if my child starts to display symptoms whilst at school?	If your child starts to display symptoms at school, then they will be isolated under supervision. Parents will be expected to collect their child immediately. Parents MUST ensure that they have provided school with up to date emergency contact details.
15	What will happen if a member of staff with my child, or another child starts to display symptoms?	If a member of staff or another child who is with your child starts to display symptoms, they will be directed to go home and arrange a Covid19 test. All other members of this group will be notified.
16	What will happen if a child disregards social distancing and handwashing?	In the first instance, this is a behavioural issue and the usual systems will be in place with the addition of parents being informed. However if the action is repeated and a child wilfully and persistently refuses to cooperate, their place will be withdrawn for the safety of everyone in the group.