



Hello Children

Hope you are all keeping well and happy. We hope you all have been enjoying time at home with your family especially in the nice weather we've been so lucky to have. We would like to say how proud we are of you for showing maturity during this uncertain time, and we are so pleased to hear, after talking to your parents, that you have been good children and are helping around the house and garden and have also been doing school work without any fuss on Hwb.

We have good news today for you! Since you've all been doing your bit and staying home, little changes are happening to what we are allowed to do on a day-to-day basis and we're sure you've heard that the Welsh Government has decided that it is safe for you to return to school on June 29th, 2020. As staff, we are very excited about this because we have missed you all. You probably have a lot of questions and we're going to try to answer them in this letter. If you still have any questions at the end of this, then please contact us by email or phone the school. It is important that you do not worry; we just need to change a few things in school to keep you all safe.

**1. When will I be returning to school?**

The school will re-open on June 29th, 2020 and you will all return during that week in groups of 5, 6 or 7 on different days. So you'll be back at school once a week until the summer holidays.

**2. Will I see my friends?**

You may see some of your friends. Some will stay at home while others may be in a different bubble to you or on another day. 'Cwtsh' is the new name for our small classes at the moment. We will try to make sure you return on the same day as your friends but this is not always possible.

**3. Who will be my teacher?**

You might be taught by a different teacher than usual. This depends on how many children return to school. You will be in a bubble of 5, 6 or 7 children with a teacher and maybe a teaching assistant too.

**4. How will I come into school?**

We will be sharing a lot of information with your parents beforehand about how you will get into school as it is very likely to be different from usual. You may have to use a different entrance and you will come to school at different times. Your teacher will meet you at the gate and guide you safely to your class.

**5. Will the classroom look the same?**

No. The room will not look how you remember it. You will have your own chair and desk with a tray to store your personal equipment. You will need to keep your coat on the back of your chair and the cloakrooms cannot be used for storage.

**6. Am I allowed to bring things from home?**

You do not need to bring anything from home. There is no need for a school bag or pencil case. All you have to remember is a packed lunch if you are not having school dinner a water bottle. Please do not bring any toys or other belongings. We ask this to keep you safe.

**7. Do I need to wear my uniform?**

Yes, wear your school uniform if it still fits. Make sure you wear comfortable school clothes as we may be working more in the outside area.

**8. Do I need to wear a mask?**

No, nobody will be wearing masks, so there is no need to worry.

**9. Will I need to wash my hands regularly?**

Yes. You will be reminded to wash your hands regularly. Your teacher will remind you.

**10. Will we have playtime?**

You would all get playtime but every 'cwtsh' will have playtime at different times to keep numbers down on the playground.

**11. What will happen at dinner time?**

Everyone will eat lunch in their classrooms. Children having school dinners will go to get their lunch and come back to eat in class. Children with packed lunch will also eat in class and you will need to take your litter home with you.

**12. What sort of work will be doing?**

School work will be a little different from to what you remember. Firstly, we'll make sure

you're all ok and happy and answer any questions you may have about being back in the classroom. We will be doing a lot of discussion work and will also continue to work on Hwb.

### **13. Will school rules be the same?**

School rules will be the same but there will also be a few new rules that need to be remembered. You will need to remember to keep 2m apart from other people in your bubble and also wash your hands regularly (on arrival at school, before and after play, before and after eating and going to the toilet).

### **14. When will we get back to normal?**

Unfortunately, we can't answer that at the moment but please don't worry about the future; leave that to us. For now, we want you to enjoy your time back at school with us before the summer holidays.

We hope this little letter has answered any questions or concerns you may have. We are really looking forward to seeing you back in school next week.

Best Wishes

All staff at YGG Cwmnedd

Here are some websites you can also go to, to read or listen to more information about returning to school.

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Back-to-school-for-Wales.pdf>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/training/mental-health-training/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu0jJmcnGxU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_VUuZvCHoI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VUuZvCHoI)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nQgTywKmvQ>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/>