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Reopening of School for Foundation Phase Pupils (3–7 years)

Tuesday 9th February 2021

Dear parent /carer,

In light of the Education Minister Kirsty Williams' announcement on Friday, the following arrangements are in place for the return of Foundation Phase Pupils after the half term break – (the week beginning 22/2/21).

Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will continue with remote learning at home but vulnerable learners and children of critical workers will continue to attend school whilst parents are working. This will be monitored and reviewed by the Welsh Government and further information will follow.

Foundation Phase pupils – vulnerable learners and children of critical workers can still attend school on Monday 22nd February and Tuesday 23rd February (if needed) before returning to school on the following days –

Monday 22nd February – Nursery pupils return to school.

Morning nursery – 8:55am – 11:25am

Afternoon nursery – 12:45pm – 3:15pm

Please use Nursery/Reception gate to drop off and pick up your child.

Tuesday 23rd February – Reception pupils return to school.

CHANGE OF START TIME – 9:05am

Pick up at end of day – 3:20pm (Same finish time – no change).

Please use the Nursery/Reception gate to drop off and pick up your child.

Wednesday 24th February – Year 1 pupils return to school.

CHANGE OF START TIME – 9:05am

Pick up at end of day – 3:20pm (same finish time – no change).

Please use the Year 1 / 2 gate (next to the shop) to drop off and pick up your child.

Wednesday 24th February – Year 2 pupils return to school.

Start time – 8:55am

CHANGE OF TIME FOR PICK UP AT END OF DAY – 3:10pm

Please use the Year 1 / 2 gate (next to the shop) to drop off and pick up your child.

Families with children in more than one class will drop off the child to the class with the **earlier start time** first and pick up the child at the class with the **earlier finish time** first.

Adjustments to start times and finish times have been made to ensure that parents can socially distance whilst on school premises during these busy periods. The changes have been made to safeguard parents, teachers and pupils and must be adhered to. Thank you.

The wearing of face coverings/face masks – parents and carers must wear face coverings/face masks when dropping off and picking up your child. Thank you.

Parents/carers must leave the school yard immediately after dropping off/picking up your child to ease congestion at the school gates and to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Thank you.

Reminder -

- **children must not come to school if they or a member of their household show symptoms of COVID-19.** Please refer to the Risk Assessment on our school website for the procedure if your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day. Our Risk Assessment will continue to be reviewed and updated as and when circumstances or guidance changes. Reminder – the school email address to report your child having a positive test is covid.cwmafanprimary@npt.gov.uk
- **KS2 pupils** – (vulnerable learners and children of critical workers) will continue to use the allocated doors to enter and leave the building - **8:55am start, 3:20pm finish**
- critical workers' children should only come to school on the days that parents are in work
- please book in advance if your child needs to attend school (**by Friday afternoon for the following week at the latest**)

We are all looking forward to seeing the younger children return to school after half term. School hasn't been the same without them and they have been greatly missed. However, it was made very clear in the announcement last Friday that things are not going back to normal yet.

Headteachers have been urged to remind parents that normal life for your child has not returned. It is really pleasing that the younger children can return to school but meeting their friends outside of school in parties, sleepovers and in each other's houses should not happen. The children are in Class/Year Group bubbles whilst at school but that does not mean that households can mix. The Welsh Government have made it very clear that they will monitor the impact of the return to school of younger pupils so that they can act on and plan for the return of our older pupils in Key Stage 2. We all need to follow the rules so that all pupils can return to school and remain in school.

May I remind you that the school's Risk Assessment is reviewed and updated regularly and is available on our school website for parents, staff, visitors and governors.

I would like to thank you for your support and co-operation over the last few difficult months. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding to ensure the safe return of our Foundation Phase pupils.

Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs. L A George
Acting Headteacher