



School Newsletter – Wednesday 1st September 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th of September. The children will enter and leave through the doors they used during their transition days in July and the confirmed start and finish times for the children are as follows:

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
Nursery AM	8.45 am	11.15 am
Nursery PM	12.40 pm	3.10 pm
Reception/Year 1D, Year 1A and Year 2J	8.50 am (doors open 8.45am)	3.15 pm
Year 3B, Year 3/4R, Year 4C, Year 5/6C and Year 6D	8.50 am	3.20 pm

Our breakfast clubs on both sites will continue to open at 8.20 until 8.50 am with the final entry for pupils being set at 8.30 am. Children for the Foundation Phase breakfast club should enter through the main school entrance, but please maintain your distance from other adults and children when queuing up to enter. Children for the Key Stage Two breakfast club should enter through the Year 4 entrance (used to be Year 5 opposite Lidl car park near the traffic crossing) and should be supervised before they enter school at 8.20 am and also maintain distances.

The guidance from the Welsh Government to schools that was updated on the 20th of August states that visitors to the school setting should use a face covering and that this includes parents/carers wearing them on school premises when dropping off and picking up learners, unless they are exempt. Children do not need to wear masks in school.

We're still going to be focussing on keeping the school as COVID safe as possible which will include the children washing their hands more regularly, ensuring that areas of the school are as well-ventilated as possible and ensuring that the school and equipment is cleaned regularly. Children will not need to bring pens, pencils and pencil cases to school as sets will continue to be provided by the school for them to use.

How to let us know if you have a positive Covid-19 case



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- Staff member or pupil got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school.
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We've been asked to reinforce with parents and carers that, under no circumstances, should learners or staff attend schools/settings if they:

- feel unwell with or, have any of the identified COVID-19 symptoms
- have tested positive for COVID-19
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for COVID-19. (I'm waiting for additional guidance on this final point for children as the Operational Guidance for schools gives different information in parts of the same document, but I will let parents know of any changes as soon as possible.)

If your child becomes ill showing symptoms of COVID 19 within the school day, we will be contacting you to collect your child as soon as possible. They will be supervised separately by school staff to make sure that they are safe and comfortable until you arrive to collect them. Your child will then need to undertake a PCR test to see if they have a positive or negative test result for COVID 19.

We won't be using the 'class bubble' system that we used last year in school, but we will be structuring the school timetable to reduce the amount of children we have on break and lunch at certain times, but children will now be able to work and play with a wider number of children in other year groups and classes – good news I'm sure you'll agree.

I hope that your children are looking forward to returning to start the next part of their learning journey. We're busy adapting our curriculum to meet the Curriculum for Wales. We'll give you more information and gather your views on our plans later this academic year.

If you need to contact the school for any reason, please feel free to give us a ring on 01639 645414 or email melinprimary@npt.school and we'll be happy to get back to you. Please be aware that the school number is as shown above, and not as shown by Google!

T. Richards
Headteacher

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