

Re-opening of schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will probably be aware that the Education Minister has announced that schools will re-open in a reduced capacity from 29th June for 4 weeks.

We are still awaiting guidance from the Powys CC and Welsh Government but it is clear that this will not be 'normal' schooling. We will always work to minimise health and safety risks in whatever plans we put into place.

As parents, you will have the choice as to whether you send your children and the school will fully respect and support your decision. You will not be penalised for not sending your children.

The following is being considered:

- Children will attend school for **one day per week**;
- Children will be placed into 'bubbles' of children of no more than 10 children. These bubbles will remain the same for the 4 weeks. They will be based on classes where possible;
- Different bubbles of children will not mix at all during the day; social distancing will remain an absolute priority;
- A minimum of 1 member of staff will be with the same bubbles each week. These may not be the same staff that the children are used to because of staff absence;
- There will be staggered start and end of day times;
- There will be staggered breaks and lunchtimes;
- We will try to timetable siblings so that they attend on the same day but this cannot be guaranteed;

I fully understand that the decision for parents to send children back to school is a difficult one and that you will have many questions. The staff and governors share these concerns and any plans will be driven by doing all we can to safeguard the whole community. Despite this, we cannot provide 100% guarantees of safety.

As you can appreciate, because of some of the measures that we must take, the experience for your children who attend will not be 'normal' school. However, we will do our very best to make it as 'normal' as possible within strict parameters.

In order for us to plan effectively, we will need a clear idea of whether parents intend to send their children in for the one day. Please click on this link and complete the form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4Z4dwLAOVEeZrgQuinMrUEYiXkLXVrFKiqMnmtEXAB5UNVVDUEdPSEpMVEFDVknXVjBTT01YUzhPRy4u>

Next week, you may receive a telephone call from school to help us determine the number of children who will be coming into school.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support of the school and your children at home.

Yours sincerely,

