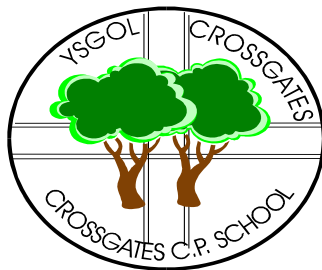


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July 17th 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Plans for September 2020 - School Opening

We hope you are safe and well and are looking forward to the Summer break. We have now received Government guidance to open the school to all year groups (Reception – Year 6) for September 2020. We are currently working through this guidance and would like to share an outline summary of our plans.

A copy of the full Government guidance can be found at:

En – <https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

Cy – <https://llyw.cymru/canllawiau-gweithredol-ar-gyfer-ysgolion-lleoliadau-o-dymor-yr-hydref-covid-19>

In order to ensure a safe, secure and successful transition back, social distancing rules and staggered times will apply during drop off and pick up, as suggested in guidance.

Here is a summary of what to expect for the new Academic Year 2020-21


- All children will return to school on Thursday 3rd September
- The school will provide full time education over 5 days each week with a broad curriculum
- The children will be grouped into Class Bubbles – there will be no mixing of children between these bubbles
- School attendance will be compulsory, and absences will be followed up in the usual way
- Guidance recommends that pupils wear school uniform, however we appreciate washing clothes daily may be difficult and so we will be flexible on this.
- Drop-off time will be from 9.00am to 9.20am, bus children will come in at 9am. Sibling groups will come in at 9.05am and individual children at 9.15am. Please accompany your child to the class door. Sibling groups will be picked up at 3.20pm, please wait by your youngest child's class and then make your way around the one-way system to your next pick up point. Individuals will be picked up at 3.30pm. The school will also be operating a strict one-way system and will continue to encourage parents/carers and children to maintain social distancing
- No visitors or school trips will take place throughout the Autumn Term
- Assemblies will take place in class with a whole school assembly on a Friday via teams.
- No swimming will take place
- Children will have individual stationary pots. If junior children wish to bring in pencil cases they can do so, however they will not be able to bring them home every day.
- Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that the Class Bubbles do not mix
- Timetable will be adjusted in the day, so pupils have the same amount of learning time as pre-covid.

- School lunches will be available.
- PPE equipment will continue to be used by staff when required
- Our additional and rigorous cleaning routines will be continued
- Pupils will know their PE day at the start of term. To limit items being brought into school we would ask that the children wear their PE kit to school on that day.
- All parental queries and concerns will need to be emailed or telephoned through to the School Office as no Parents or Carers will be permitted to enter the school building without an appointment
- Breakfast club and after school club will be located in the school hall and will begin on the 7th September. We will send a survey out next week, to ask about uptake of after school club running Monday- Thursday. Staff will wear PPE in these sessions.
- Guidance states that no snacks should be provided at the after-school club, but if children wish to bring an extra snack in for this purpose that is fine. Staff will wear PPE in these sessions.
- There will be no teacher led clubs.
- Please remember that you must not send your child to school if they are unwell or displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. If your child becomes unwell whilst they are in school, you will be expected to collect your child promptly.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, parents/carers, staff and governors for their support over the last term. Together we have overcome some great challenges and we are proud of what we have achieved.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the summer!

Yours sincerely,



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