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Dear Parents / Carers

Return to School

As you know, the Education Minister has announced that Welsh schools will be partially re-opening on Monday 29 June. We understand that whether or not to send your child back to school will be a difficult decision to make. I trust that the information contained in this letter will enable you to make an informed decision.

We are currently drawing up detailed plans for the 4 weeks we will be open. I would like to reassure you that the welfare and safety of all children and staff is paramount at every step taken. Please also note that online provision will continue.

Here is an outline of the arrangements we intend to put in place:

Arriving at School

School hours will remain the same. Foundation Phase children should arrive through the usual gate and through the large door outside Bedwen's classroom. Year 3 - 6 children should enter through the main entrance. Lines will be marked on the floor at the entrances, as within the school building, indicating a distance of 2 meters - pupils will be expected to use these to make sure they stand in a row two meters apart when waiting to enter.

Temperature Check

Each child's temperature will be taken when they arrive at school. If a child's temperature exceeds 37.5°C, the temperature will be taken again and if the second reading remains high your child will not be able to come to school - in line with Government Covid-19 management guidelines. Your child and immediate family members will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

Isolation Room

An isolation room will be located in the Foundation Phase area and in the Yr 3 - 6 area for pupils or members of staff who feel unwell.

2 Meter Rule, Classes and Learning

We will aim to ensure that attending school is a beneficial experience for your child/ren. Social distancing guidelines will be put in place. We have therefore divided each class into 3 Groups. See details overleaf for your child's group and dates for attending school.

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Group: a letter will be sent out to you with group details and dates

Dates:

School uniform

Pupils will not have to wear school uniform during this time.

Lunch and Snack

The canteen will NOT serve school dinner OR packed lunches. Every child must bring his/her own lunch box and snack – enough to last the whole day. Lunch boxes will be kept in the classroom and everyone will eat their packed lunch in their classroom or outside (weather permitting). The water fountains will not be available, so all children will be required to bring their own water bottle.

Any food/packaging brought from home must be taken back home by individual learners.

Lunchtime and Break

Not everyone will have break and lunch time at the same time. Pupils from different classes will be kept separate throughout the day. A one way travel system will be in place on the corridors with 2m markings clearly visible to pupils and staff. Please note that if a child does not comply with these guidelines, he / she will be expected to continue learning from home.

Toilets

For hygiene reasons, only one child from each class will be allowed to go to the toilet at a time. It is essential that all children wash their hands after going to the toilet.

Cleaning

Classrooms, toilets and communal areas will be regularly wiped clean, and the classrooms thoroughly cleaned every night. Hand sanitisers will be available in all classrooms and at all entrances.

PPE Equipment

The school will provide personal protective equipment for staff. A face mask be available for all children to wear if you wish; this will not be compulsory.

Transport

Only a small number of pupils will be able to travel on each bus. The Council is discussing arrangements with the bus companies. More information will be made available following confirmation of the numbers wanting to return.

Escorting and Collecting Children to and from School

Only one parent or carer may accompany a child to school and collect a child from school.

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No Equipment Sharing

The school will provide writing equipment for all children. They will not be allowed to share these resources with other children or staff. Each child will have their own desk for the day.

Signs

Clear signs around the school will emphasize the importance of hand washing, hygiene and maintaining social distance.

The Hub

The Childcare Hub for the children of key workers will continue to provide care from 8.30am - 4.30pm.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

The school will not provide a Breakfast Club and no arrangements have been made to reopen the After School Club

Visitors to the Site

Parents/carers should not come to the school site to collect their child during the day without making arrangements in advance.

In order to confirm these arrangements and ensure correct staffing levels, I would be grateful if you could complete the very short questionnaire on the school website stating either way: whether you will send your child (ren) to school on the days allocated for him / her, or not. A link will be sent out via text message. Please do this by **Wednesday 17 June** for the first two weeks and again by **Wednesday 8 July** for the last two weeks. Receiving this information from everyone as soon as possible will allow us as a school to confirm final arrangements with you in good time so that everyone can be fully confident of what lies ahead before we re-open the school doors.

I trust that we can work together in order to move forward from this challenging time successfully.

Yours faithfully

Haf ap Robert
Assistant Head Teacher