



Dear Parents,

School reopening is fast approaching and I am aware some of you have concerns you have already raised with us or have concerns you are hoping to speak to us about. I am hoping this letter may give you the information you may need, if not, if you ring school or the school mobile on Tuesday we will try and get back to you after our morning training.

Our main priority will be the safety and well being of our learners and community particularly during the initial return and to support this we will need to work together.

School will	Parents will
• Have an extra cleaner on site throughout the school day • Ensure cleanliness and good hygiene regimes are in place • Work with the Local Authority and Governing Body to write and enforce a risk assessment in line with current guidance • Provide hand sanitiser and sanitising stations throughout the school • Have staggered starts and end of day times, lunchtimes and break times to ensure contact groups are separate. • Make sure staff do not attend with any symptoms or if they have been in contact with someone with symptoms or a positive test	• Make sure pupils are on time. • Ensure only one parent will come onto site to collect our youngest learners • Wait outside the school for older learners and maintain two metre social distancing • Not send children to school if they have symptoms or have been in contact with anyone with symptoms or a positive test. • Will make sure all contact details are current in case we need to contact you. • Use online payments to pay for dinner • Make sure only one person is in the reception area and communicate with us via telephone and or e mail if possible rather than coming into the building

We recognise lots of our learners will not have attended school for six months and we have planned a well being, community building activity for the first two weeks of term to help us all to settle back.

The school day will be as it always was before the pandemic in terms of teaching and children do not have to socially distance within their class. The only difference is the class won't mix with any other groups. Although the children don't have to maintain social

distancing between themselves, they do need to try and keep 2m away from adults within the school. We realise this is very difficult for our young learners but we would be grateful if you could reinforce this message with older children

I know parents have had concerns regarding the staggered starts and ends of the day. I can totally understand this, particularly if you have multiple children in the school and children in other schools. Couple this with work commitments and no breakfast club and I understand this is a major issue for many families.

I really feel safety has to come first and I am going to ask you to give the system we have in place a try. The system is there to make sure contact groups (each contact group is a class) do not mix to support the track and trace system. It may become evident that we don't need so much time between classes and we can change times etc . It may also change as the guidance and medical advice changes.

For the time being, this is going to be the new normal and if it doesn't work for parents or the school we will work hard to find something that does work for us all.

Another concern that has been raised has been parents have felt they haven't had the information they need regarding the start of term. All parents received texts or phone calls and all the information is also on the school website (Dates classes start and Class times)

If you have been watching the news, you will have seen that currently there is a huge debate regarding learners wearing face masks.

In Wales, the current guidance is that if a child wears a mask to school it must be removed during their time in school. Disposable masks will be put in a bag in a pedal bin and reusable masks need to be placed by the learner in a sealed bag and stored in their bag until home time. If this changes, we will let you know.

I realise this is an anxious time for you and I hope I can reassure you that our experience of learners returning before the holiday was hugely positive. The children loved seeing their friends and teachers and being in routine.

We can't wait to see you all again and to work with you. Please keep talking to us and if there is anything you are worried about, or if you feel we need to know of any major events your child may have experienced through the last few months please let us know.

Mrs FD