



Message from Mrs Phillips: We are delighted to welcome so many of our families back to school this week. The children looked very smart in their school uniform and it was fabulous to see so many smiling faces as they met their teachers from last year and new teachers for this year. Hopefully meeting both teachers on the first day made the return to school a little easier.

This week we have really been working on settling the children in, establishing new classroom routines and assessing where the children are academically.

Our school site is a challenge to manage and ensure social distancing. It is essential that all adults continue to distance to help prevent the transmission of the virus.

In line with Welsh Government advice we will continue with the same entrance and exit routes and in order to ensure that there is no overcrowding on site we will continue to operate staggered start and finishing times.

We do realise that this may present challenges for working parents, however we are acting on Welsh Government advice to help to mitigate the risks of the transmission of the virus. There are 5 entry and exit points for children allocated by Year Groups and Family Groups. Children will be met by a staff member at all entry/ exit points with a sanitiser station.

It is with regret that we cannot welcome any parents or carers in to the school building at this time. I am sure that you will work with us in keeping our school safe. Please ensure you adhere to the 2m social distance recommendation whilst waiting outside.

The School Day -

- **Bubbles** – Children will form class bubbles with their class teacher, and support staff will join bubbles on a daily basis.
- **Social Distancing** – Children will not be expected to social distance within their bubbles. However adults are still limited to the 2m distancing. This is in line with WG guidance.
- Staff have been advised by the LA to wear masks in all communal areas and visors are available for close classroom work.
- **School Uniform** – All children are asked to return to school in school uniform and will be informed of requirements for outdoor learning arrangements.
- **Personal Items** – Water Bottle, clearly labelled with their name– Please provide your child with a bottle that can be brought in daily and filled up during school time.
- **Lunchtime Arrangements** – We have to stagger lunchtimes of 40 minutes per session with an allocated lunchtime supervisor attached to each bubble. Each class sits in their bubble for lunch. We are able to offer a hot meal, so please ensure your child's account is up to date.
- **Breakfast Club and After School Clubs** – There will be **NO** Breakfast Clubs or Afterschool clubs for the time being. This is in line with WG policy.
- **Access into School** – Sadly, we are unable to welcome parents and carers into school. If you do have any issues or concerns, please contact the office on 01656 815585, and we will ensure a safe time for these to be discussed.
- Additional cleaning of toilets and high contact surfaces takes place throughout the day.
- **The school will be closed to children on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> for a deep clean.**



We have enjoyed our first week back in school.



Some of our delicious school dinners.

