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September 2020: Return to School

16th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Penyrenghlyn Community Primary School welcomes the Education Minister's announcement that, from the 3rd September, all pupils can safely return to our schools, on a phased approach.

With this in mind, we have decided on the following phased approach to welcome all our children back to school FROM Thursday 3rd September.

The table below will tell you the day your child will START back to school in September. They will be in school FULL time from that date.

Date	Year Group
Thursday 3 rd September	<u>Reception & Year 6 ONLY:</u> Dosbarth Coch: Mrs. Tasker Dosbarth Gwyrdd: Mrs. Sprague (<i>Year 6 children ONLY</i>) Dosbarth Melyn: Mrs. Hanly
Monday 7 th September	<u>Year 3 & Year 5:</u> Dosbarth Arian: Mrs. Bluck (<i>Year 3 children ONLY</i>) Dosbarth Indigo: Miss. Thirb (<i>Year 5 children ONLY</i>) Dosbarth Gwyrdd: Mrs. Sprague
Tuesday 8 th September	<u>Year 1:</u> Dosbarth Oren: Mrs. Roberts (<i>Year 1 children ONLY</i>)
Wednesday 9 th September	<u>Year 2 & Year 4:</u> Dosbarth Oren: Mrs. Roberts Dosbarth Arian: Mrs. Bluck Dosbarth Indigo: Miss. Thirb
Thursday 10 th September	<u>Nursery:</u> Dosbarth Enfys: Miss. Davies & Miss. Ellis

From Thursday 10th September, all children are expected to return to school unless they have a medical/health reason not to.

Staggered start and finish times

Following Welsh Government and Local Authority Guidance, we have to maintain 'Class Bubbles' of children in September. In order to keep 'Class Bubbles' apart as much as possible, we need to stagger the start and finish time of each class.

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The table below will tell you when your child's class will start and finish school. It is imperative that these times are adhered to in order to protect our children and families.

Class	Nursery Mrs. Davies	Reception Mrs. Tasker	Year1/2 Mrs. Roberts	Year 2/3 Mrs. Bluck	Year 4/5 Miss. Thirb	Year 5/6 Mrs. Sprague	Year 6 Mrs. Hanly
START time	8:55am – 11:50pm (AM Nursery)	8:50am	9:10am	9:00am	9:10am	9:00am	8:50am
FINISH time	12:20pm – 3:15pm (PM Nursery)	3:00pm	3:20pm	3:10pm	3:20pm	3:10pm	3:00pm

In order to minimise the amount of people at the school during peak times, we continue to ask that only ONE parent/carer drops off and picks up and you adhere to our one-way system to enter and leave the school. Parents/Carers are asked to not gather at the school gate and are not permitted to enter the school building (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment). If you need to contact the school throughout the day, please do so by telephoning.

Uniform

We expect pupils to wear school uniform when they return back to school in September and that the uniform is washed daily. The cloakrooms will not be used initially so, if your child wears a coat to school, they will leave it on the back of their chairs.

Breakfast Club

There will be NO Breakfast Club for the first two weeks of term. Portable breakfast provision will be made available for eFSM learners only during this period.

Dinner Time

Children can either bring a packed lunch to school or have a meal provided by Catering. There will be a reduced menu available. ALL pupils should bring filled water bottles (with their name on) to school that can be refilled during the day.

Dinner Money

To minimise the risk of transferring infection via money handling, we ask that you pay for school dinners using the RCT online payment method.

Cleaning

A cleaner will be on site throughout the school day. Their job will be to clean 'high touch/use' areas and surfaces throughout the day, including toilets, tables and equipment. Tissues will be placed in pedal bins along with used antibacterial surface wipes.

Symptoms

Under NO circumstances should pupils/staff attend school if they:

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- feel unwell, have any of the four identified COVID-19 symptoms (**a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell**) or they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 7 days.
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

Should pupils show symptoms during the school day, they will be kept in a separate room, supervised by a member of staff wearing PPE, at a distance of 2 metres until they can be collected and taken home.

Hygiene

Pupils will be expected to use a hand sanitiser on entry to the school building. They will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using the sinks in the classroom and the toilets.

Behaviour

High standards of behaviour and total compliance, with existing and new rules, will be expected at all times so that every effort is made to break the chain of infection.

PPE

Wearing face coverings to school is not compulsory or required by the school. As such, the school will not supply masks. However, if pupils choose to wear face coverings, they are free to do so but must bring their own. Staff will wear full PPE when administering first aid.

Classroom Measures

Maintaining a distance between people and reducing face to face contact lowers the risk of transmission. Classroom layouts will include seating children side by side and all facing forwards. Staff will maintain records of seating plans to assist with contact tracing should the need arise. Staggered break times and lunch times will be in place and time for cleaning surfaces prioritised.

Equipment

Pupils must not bring any equipment into school. Each pupil will be provided with an individual resource pack that includes a pen/pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils etc.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers for their continued support during this difficult time and I would like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday...you truly deserve it! We are very much looking forward to all the children returning in September. Take care.

My very best wishes, as always



Acting Headteacher