



Newsletter



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Key Stage 2 Return to School!!

Next week all schools see the return of the older primary children. The younger children have settled well and we anticipate a smooth return of our older pupils. Each class has the same start time but please remember that the finish times have changed. This is because of a reduced lunch break. The actual teaching time for the pupils remains the same. Other than this, the school will be operating in the same way that we were before we closed for the Christmas holidays. The information on procedures was sent out to parents on March 5th via text. Please refer to this information to clarify any details, or you can ask via the usual methods of communication.

Breakfast club is open at 8:20am but once again we ask that you only use this service if necessary. Our cook will be delivering fruit and toast to each class and every child is welcome to this at the start of the school day.

Covid update

Last Friday, our director of education updated headteachers on the most recent information from welsh government. Currently, the risk of transmission from young child to young child is low. The risk of transmission from young child to adult is low. The risk of transmission from adult to adult is high.

Stay at home restrictions were lifted as from March 13th. See below details of what we can and cannot do. Infection rates continue to lower and this is due to strict laws to prevent transmission and commitment from families and individuals. Let us all keep following the rules to help get us out of this dreadful situation we are in.

The fight against COVID

What we need to do now when we are still in alert 4

- stay local, around 5 miles
- do not meet other households indoors
- we can now meet family and friends who live locally as long as it is outdoors
- up to four people, from two households can meet outside
- one support bubble for single parents

How can you protect yourself and others?

- social distancing - even outside
- face coverings in public places
- face coverings outside school gates during handover
- regular handwashing / sanitizing

Schools have an added measure and must ensure there is good ventilation.

Polite reminder

Could we please ask that you social distance whilst waiting outside the school gates to drop off/pick up your child. Even if the virus does not frighten you in the same way as it does to others we feel it is important to respect others feelings and anxieties. Covid has had a huge impact on the mental health of many and it is important that we respect and support each other.

As a staff, we ask you *please, please*, keep us safe too, and distance from other families whilst waiting outside the school. Staff are at more risk now that school is opening up to larger numbers. Staff at school are now asked to test twice a week, and this in itself, causes worry whilst they await their results, and I am sure nobody wants to return to home learning!! Please support the staff.

Other symptoms

As we know, children often have blocked / runny noses and general symptoms of feeling unwell. It is best that we take all precautions and they should not be sent to school. They can be taken for a test if they have symptoms other than the three known symptoms. This is confirmed on the Swansea Bay Health Board site.

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Parent meeting

It was good to see a few parents that came onto the Teams meeting last week. Questions raised were answered and we communicated this in our start back to school information. Suggestions were put forward and as a staff we are giving them consideration. If you were unable to attend and you have a question / suggestion please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Lunch

The full menu is now available and yes Irene, our cook, does her fabulous roast dinner every Thursday! Safety measures have been put into place and the children have the school meal on a tray with cutlery and drink. It is all organised to lower risks.

We are looking forward to having all the children back so we can get back to learning in school again. You may be worried that your child is not where they should be. Try not to worry, we have catch up plans, and with your support, your children will be able to make very good progress. Teachers have saved all the recorded lessons that were sent out during lockdown. If your child has not accessed these lessons they will be allowed time in school to work on these lessons and also revisit if necessary. Teachers are also preparing work for those who have been able to learn successfully at home and need to extend learning further. Once again, they work their magic!