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## Tynyrheol Primary School

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Dear parent/carers

I hope this letter finds you all in good health during these uncertain times. We are pleased and very excited at Tynyrheol to open school in readiness for a full return to education this September. This letter contains important information regarding some of the changes we have implemented at school to keep our pupils, parents and staff safe for their return to school. As always if you query or question is not answered through this letter please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Firstly may I reassure you that we have implemented and reviewed a full risk assessment to ensure school operates as safely as possible. It is our aim to welcome each and every child back into school during this autumn term building on the systems implemented prior to the school holidays.

From Friday 4 September, certain year groups will start to return to school.

The following table provides further information in relation how pupils will return to Tynyrheol Primary School on Friday 4 September.

School Day Start/End Times	Friday 4 September
Start: 9am End: 3.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception</li> <li>• Year 6</li> </ul>

All pupils will return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September excluding nursery.

In line with usual procedures, nursery children will start school on a phased basis. Nursery parents will also be contacted individually. The process for Nursery entry at Tynyrheol Primary School is set out below.

Week Beginning 14/9/20 nursery pupils to attend 9am to 11am.

Week Beginning 21/9/20 nursery pupils to attend 9am to 1pm.

Week Beginning 28/9/20 nursery pupils full time 9am to 3:15pm.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions table below to outline the operational procedures at Tynyrheol Primary School.

	<b>Specific Query</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Sickness</b>	Will there be any symptom checking for pupils in attendance?	<p>Under no circumstances should learners, parents or staff attend school if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss of taste or smell)</li> <li>• they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days</li> <li>• live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>• live in a household with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.</li> </ul>
	<p>What happens if my child develops symptoms during the school day?</p> <p>What will happen if a case of Covid is identified?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should anybody show symptoms during the school day they will be kept separate in an isolation room until they can be collected and taken home. This will be in a separate room, supervised at a distance of two metres by a member of staff wearing PPE. All parents within this bubble will be notified if a child had been tested positive.</li> <li>• All surfaces that learners or staff with symptoms have come into contact with, will be deep cleaned immediately using the prescribed chlorine based cleaning products as directed by BCBC and Welsh Government Guidance</li> <li>• Anyone displaying symptoms should stay at home for 7 days and should be tested. Anyone who lives with someone displaying symptoms but remains well should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person became ill. This includes siblings in other classes. They must also be collected and remain off school until a negative test has been confirmed or 7 or 14 days has elapsed.</li> <li>• Any confirmed case will be reported to Trace, Track and Report system.</li> <li>• If there are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school, then experts from across the NHS and local government will work together to prevent ongoing transmission within the school. This will involve identifying those exposed, any child or staff member who is at increased risk and provide tailored infection control advice. Advice based on the assessment of each individual situation will be provided to support the school in preventing further spread.</li> </ul>
<b>School Day</b>	Will there be staggered start and finish times?	<p>No, School will start at 9am and finish at 3.15pm. Pupils will need to on the yard at 8.50am for collection. Gelli pupils will be collected from the yard in front of the school building at 8.50am by staff.</p> <p>Ty Nant pupils will be collected from the junior yard next to the side gate at 8.50am by staff. Staff will be on the yard to assist this process. Pupils will be</p>

	<p>brought out to these same areas at the end of the day for collection. The school will review these procedures and explore staggered start and finish times if social distancing measures cannot be maintained.</p> <p>Please can parents and children of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 use the main gate for drop off and collections. Junior parents and pupils (Y3,4,5 and 6) only to use the side gate. If you have a child in both classes the older child will be brought to the Foundation Yard for collection at the end of the school day.</p>
Do I have to drop off and collect my child?	Yes the guidance states that a suitable adult is requested to drop off and collect pupils from school. This can be a relative in your contact group or a sibling older than 16 years old. We are requesting that only pupils from Y5 and Y6 are allowed to walk home unaccompanied during this term. Please contact your teacher if this is problematic for you.
Should my child wear school uniform?	Yes, pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform. On days when PE is timetabled pupils may wear appropriate sportswear to prevent changing. Gelli- PE Thursday, TyNant PE- Friday.
Can my child bring in equipment from home?	No, we request that pupils only bring in essential items such a water bottle, lunch box, reading book, coat and bag.
Will my child be sharing resources?	Pupils will be allocated with their own high use items such as pens, pencils, rubbers and rulers. Where sharing cannot be avoided pupils will be required to wash/sanitize hands before and after activities. The school has also implemented regular cleaning of high touch surfaces, door handles etc throughout the school day.
Will school be providing a fruit tuck shop?	No. Please provide your child with a suitable healthy snack for break times. Your child must be able to open any container or fruit you provide independently. We will review this once the children are settled in to key routines.
Will my child be able to have school dinners?	Yes school dinners will be provided over a staggered lunch period. Gelli 11.45 to 12.45 and TyNant 12.15 to 1pm. Please ensure sufficient funds are allocated to your child's dinner account.
Does my child have to wear a mask in school?	No the guidance states that pupils and adults in primary school are not required to wear masks to complete day to day activities. Staff are not allowed to help or assist pupils wearing or removing masks. If you choose to send your child to school wearing a mask they must be able to remove and store their

		masks independently in their own bag. If pupils cannot adhere to safe wearing of masks e.g. frequent touching of masks, readjusting etc they will need to be removed, stored safely and hands sanitized.
	Will school be following social distancing?	Yes, we will be reminding the children about the importance of social distancing. However, the guidance recognises that classes can operate as bubbles, we have set up our classes to comply with the latest guidance. School therefore will be limiting the contact between these bubbles wherever possible. All adults and visitors to school are required to follow social distancing measures wherever practically possible.
	Will break times be staggered?	No, however there are clearly marked areas for each class to play in a safe zone with their own bubble outside at a safe distance. This will be explained and shown to pupils as part of their lessons in the first week.
	Can my child bring in their own hand sanitizer?	Children will have access to tested hand sanitizer on entry into school. Pupils will be required to follow good hygiene throughout the school day with regular hand washing and sanitizing timetabled throughout the school day. We are not requesting pupils bring in their own sanitizer into school as we cannot guarantee all sanitizers have effective alcohol content to kill the virus. Children will be required to sanitize their hands immediately on arrival in school. However, if your child has an allergy or requires the use of a moisturizer this is allowed but not to be shared with friends. Remember, regular hand washing with soapy water for 20 seconds remains the most effective measure in preventing spread.
	Will my child have access to toilet facilities throughout the day?	Yes regular toileting of pupils is timetabled throughout the school day with numbers limited to each toilet block. Increased cleaning of toilet facilities will be implemented.
	Will Breakfast Club be open?	At first we will not be able to offer breakfast club. We are aiming to start breakfast club from the week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> September. Further details on Breakfast Club operating procedures will follow when school has received further guidance on safe opening.
	Will after school clubs be running?	No, unfortunately due to the need to increase cleaning procedures during this period we will not be able to offer this service.
	Can I come into school to meet the teachers or visit the office?	Please ensure that you do not turn up at school without a prior appointment. Our preferred method of communication is via telephone to limit the numbers in the school building. If you have to enter the building please ensure you have telephoned ahead to notify the school first.
	Will both gates be open at the start and end of the	Yes. To limit numbers on the main entry stairwell we are requesting that only

school day?

Foundation children and parents use this entrance following social distancing guidelines with only family group on the stairwell at any one time. Due to limited space around the gates please ensure you allow a safe 2m distance between you and the next user. Junior pupils to use the side gate. We are requesting that parents do not remain on the premises longer than necessary and do not congregate outside the school gates.

Please remember all these procedures are subject to change due to reviews of risk assessments and release of further guidelines. We remain committed to providing your child with the best education possible and we aim to make these procedures as indiscreet as possible so you, your child and our staff have a safe and positive school experience.