



# Tynyrheol Primary School

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Dear parent/carer,

The Minister for Education has recently announced the reopening of schools for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. Pupils in Years 3 to 6 will remain at home and continue to follow the online learning provided by the school. I would like to thank all the pupils for their efforts in maintaining and engaging in the learning provided, and to thank the parents for their continued support during this time. We understand home learning is difficult and each house has different pressures but everyone has made a tremendous effort to maintain the pace of learning. Thank you very much, your efforts are much appreciated. We will continue to maintain regular contact with our home learners to offer help and support whenever it is needed.

The following table provides further information in relation to how pupils will return to Tynyrheol Primary School from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

School Day Start/End Times	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Start: 9am End: 3.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Existing Nursery(September 2020 starters)</li><li>Reception</li><li>Year 1</li><li>Year 2</li></ul>
School Day Start/End Times	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Start:9am Finish: 11:30am	New Nursery intake (January 2021 starters -rising 3's)
Start: 9am End: 3.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nursery</li><li>Reception</li><li>Year 1</li><li>Year 2</li></ul>

In line with usual procedures, new nursery pupils will attend 9am to 11:30am. Please note we **will not** be running a Breakfast Club after half term, but will be working closely with Catering Services to open this service as soon as is possible.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all, once again, for your continuing support at a very difficult time.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and I look forward to seeing or Foundation Phase pupils back in school from February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please read on for operational guidance and reminders.

	Specific Query	Answer
Sickness	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 10 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 10 days.</li> </ul>
	<p>What happens if my child develops symptoms during the school day?            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 that a child had been sent home with symptoms.</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 and should be tested. Anyone who lives with someone displaying symptoms but remains well should stay at home for 10 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 10 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>
School Day	Will there be staggered start and finish times?	<p>No, School will start at 9am and finish at 3.15pm. Foundation pupils will be collected from the yard in front of the school building at 8.50am by staff. Pupils will be brought out to these same area at the end of the day for collection. Rising 3 pupils will be brought onto the yard at 11:30am for collection, these parents may leave via the main gate. 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 but leave via the side gate. Rising 3 parents may leave via main at 11:30am only. If you have a junior age pupil please try to minimise numbers on site during collections and drop offs.</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 one adult attends site for collection.
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. Foundation Phase Class Gelli- PE Thursday,.
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 as normal for eligible groups. Gelli 11.45am to 12.45pm . 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.
Do adults have to wear masks?	Yes all adults for collection and drop offs must wear a mask whilst on school premises.
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 where social distancing is not always practically possible. 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. 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 needed 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 or through Seesaw 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 school day?	Yes. To limit numbers on the main entry stairwell we are requesting that only 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. We are requesting that parents do not remain on the premises longer than necessary and do not congregate outside the school gates.
	<p style="color: red;">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.</p>	