



# Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to confirm the return to school arrangements for September. However, please be advised that these arrangements are subject to the latest scientific information and any further decisions taken by the Welsh Government or Local Authority. There is a possibility it can change between now and September, but if there is a change then we will inform you immediately.

IMPORTANT - The information below tells you about your child's year and class teacher in September i.e. if your child is in Year 3 now, therefore they will be in Year 4 in September etc.

<b>Year Group in September</b>	<b>Classteacher</b>
Nursery N2 (children starting school in September)	Mrs L Williams
Reception	Mrs L Williams
Year 1	Mrs N Timothy-Davies
Year 2	Mrs A Davies
Year 3	Mrs W Jones
Year 4	Mrs L Rees
Year 5	Mrs L Thomas
Year 6	Mr R Randel

Over the next few weeks I will be preparing new re-opening information and risk assessments ready for September and these will be shared on Classlist and the school website as and when they are available. However, here are some initial key messages for you.

## **Provision / Arrangements**

All pupils can return as indicated in the table below. For the first week, this prioritises children going into Year 6, Year 3 and Reception. By the 14<sup>th</sup> September, all children will be expected to return for full days but there will be a need for staggered start and finish times. Your child will be taught by their own class teacher and the pupils will work and stay within their class groups. There will be restrictions on the amount of mixing between classes. Play and lunch times will be timetabled to assist with this.

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The provision of signage, hand washing, cleaning, risk assessments etc. will continue. The one way system to enter and exit the premises will also remain. There are slight changes to entrance points with Foundation Phase (Nursery/Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will enter the building through the side hall door (from the front car park), Years 3, 4 and 5 will enter through the main entrance, and Year 6 will use the Foundation Phase gated entrance and will go into the classroom via their external fire door.

The following timetable outlines the first two weeks.

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	School closed to pupils
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	School closed to pupils
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Open to Year 6, Year 3 and Reception pupils
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Open to Year 6, Year 3 and Reception pupils
<b>Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open for <b>all</b> pupils from Reception through to Year 6 full time (as per revised start and finish times)
<b>Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Open to <b>all pupils</b> full time (as per revised start and finish times)

*For children who are due to start school in September (N2 Nursery intake), they will be able to attend from the 7<sup>th</sup> September for morning only sessions as taster sessions. These sessions will begin at 9: 10am and end at 11:30am. They will then be full time from 14<sup>th</sup> September.*

***The two school closure days on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September have been suggested as guidance from the Local Authority and do not form part of the six designated INSET days which will be taken throughout the year for staff professional development and training.***

### **Attendance at school**

The Minister has announced that school attendance is essential from September unless there are medical reasons to prevent this e.g. advice to self-isolate/shield has been received from a medical professional. It is essential for educational and social reasons that your child attends school.

If your child has received a letter or advice from a medical professional not to return, we will need to discuss this with you at the beginning of term and we will continue to support distance learning. However, if you decide to keep your child at home for other reasons support from a medical professional, please contact the school to discuss this further as it is likely we will not be able to support distance learning. As you will appreciate, our teaching and support staff will be teaching in class full time and to full capacity.

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### **School uniform**

Our school uniform policy will resume in September, and pupils will be asked to return to school in the correct uniform to try and resume some sense of normality.

### **Opening hours**

School starting and finishing times will need to be staggered with start times of either 8:50am, 9:00am or 9:10am and ending times of 2:50pm, 3:00pm or 3:10pm. Details of each class start time are outlined below.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>	<b>Entrance point</b>
N2 & Reception	9:10am	2:50pm	Hall door
Year 1	9:00am	3:10pm	Hall door
Year 2	8:50am	3:00pm	Hall door
Year 3	9:00am	3:00pm	Main entrance
Year 4	9:10am	3:10pm	Main entrance
Year 5	8:50am	2:50pm	Main entrance
Year 6	8:50am	3:00pm	Foundation Phase gate and Year 6 door

### **School lunches**

Our current understanding is that the Local Authority will gradually restart school lunches over the first few weeks. Therefore, a packed lunch will be required on the first two days, including for free school meal pupils. We will update you of lunch arrangements once we receive further information.

### **After School Club**

After School Club provision is still under discussion with our external provider and we hope to have more information about this before September. However, it is unlikely that the After School Club will operate in the first week back to school.

### **Transport**

The Local Authority intends to restart transport to school in September. If your child currently attends by Local Authority transport, the council will contact you with details. However, parents are asked to transport their children to school themselves wherever possible.

### **Breakfast Club**

There will be no Breakfast Club running during the first week back to school. The Local Authority has not yet confirmed the arrangements from the second week but we will inform you as soon as possible of the Local Authority's plan to gradually re-introduce this provision.

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## **TTP**

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, schools are part of a national Track, Test and Protect scheme which has a focus on case identification, tracking and prevention.

If your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19, out of school hours, including weekends/holidays, it is essential that you call 0300 333 2222 or email [TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk](mailto:TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk) and they will arrange a test for you. They will then track your child's contacts if the test is positive. If your child has been in direct contact with someone who has been tested positive, then the child and any sibling will be required to self-isolate in line with Welsh Government guidance.

## **Additional Learning Needs (ALN)**

If your child has Additional Learning Needs that require close care, we will continue to provide this in a safe manner. The ALN co-ordinator and staff have identified which pupils will need close support and we are developing individual risk assessments where necessary. We will be contacting these parents at the beginning of the new term to discuss the risk assessment and plan a safe return which may involve a reduced timetable.

## **Illness**

If your child is ill, **do not send them to school**. Your co-operation in this is essential.

## **Snacks**

Fruit and toast snacks will not be available to buy in school for the first few weeks but you are welcome to send fruit to school with your child as their snack.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact the school, but we may not yet have the answers! All information will be available to you before September so please keep an eye on our website or Classlist for any further developments.

Many thanks for your continued support and I would like to wish you all a lovely Summer break.

Yours sincerely,



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