



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last week the announcement that all Key Stage 2 pupils will return to school on Monday 15th March was very much welcomed. I would like to take this opportunity to say the biggest thank you to all our families and extended families for all your support during this term. The engagement with children's learning online has been incredible. I think you will join me in saying that Twitter highlights all the exceptional work that many of our children are producing in very challenging times for us all. The children have been very resilient and adaptable through long periods of lockdown.

We are looking forward to having children return but are also very mindful to keep all learners, staff and our community safe. In order to do this, we will be asking for your full support to help reduce numbers further and hopefully get all children back to school safely. Kirsty Williams the education minister spoke strongly about you as parents and carers playing an essential role in ensuring this happens. We will highlight our return plans for you below so that you are clear about our way forward for your children in our school.

Children will be entering and exiting school from the Key Stage 2 gate as usual. We are **STRICTLY** asking for social distancing at all times whilst waiting and advise that you do not attend school premises early to avoid breaking social distancing. As with arrangements prior to the last lockdown, if you are running late or need to collect your child early you will need to telephone the main office and make arrangements. Please ring on arrival for staff to walkie talkie down to the class to bring the children out. **No** parents will be permitted to enter the main office area of the school. If you have any queries, please telephone. The minister also identified a risk around gatherings outside the school gates. We are asking for you to drop and collect children and move away from the school premises as soon as possible.

The children may have hot meals in school or bring a packed lunch from home. They will need to bring packed lunches in small suitable packed lunch bags or a disposable carrier bag, **NO** bags are to be brought to school. Children will not be permitted to bring any items into school and if prior arrangements are made, we will need to quarantine items for 72 hours. Only packed lunches and water bottles should be brought into school daily. We will be asking the children to bring their reading folders to school every Friday and will be returning them to home every Monday to allow the quarantine period. If you have lost your plastic folder please speak to your child's teacher, we will only be accepting books in these

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folders. The children may come dressed in PE kit on their specified days and can wear trainers.

We will not be able to ask the children to change in school and to bring in separate clothing. Please make sure the children are dressed warmly for school, as all windows will be open to ensure adequate ventilation.

We are insisting that all adults or older children that are dropping off or collecting children **MUST** wear masks as soon as they enter the school grounds (Unless there is a medical exemption). **Only one** parent/carer will be allowed onto premises to drop or collect children at any one time. If an extended family member that has responsibility for essential childcare is coming to school, please make them clear about all the guidance we have in place.

We will also be re-establishing our emergency breakfast club provision, if you need to send your child please contact Mrs Key before Thursday to make arrangements. A detailed letter with all the information will follow. Please get in touch with Mrs Key (keyk2@hwbcymru.net) if you have any questions or queries about the children returning. The next few weeks will be challenging for all of us and it is important we continue to work together well to ensure the safety and positive well-being for all in our community. If you have any questions no matter how big or small, please get in touch. Also, if you are struggling personally or financially, please get in touch, we are here to help and have access to a lot of support services that many families in our community have used for their benefit.

Take care and stay safe.

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