



YSGOL CWM BROMBIL

FORGING FUTURES TOGETHER

12TH June 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Following the announcement on 3rd June from the Education Minister regarding the reopening of schools on the 29th June, I would like to take this opportunity to outline our plans for reopening. The main aim for reopening is to give our pupils the opportunity to 'Check-in, Catch up and prepare for Summer and September'. We are looking forward to seeing our pupils face to face again so that we can help them with any wellbeing support and re-engage them with their learning. I think we are all looking forward to returning to 'normal' but for the time being, school is going to look very different.

We have spent the last week planning our approach and it is likely that this planning will be ongoing over the coming weeks.

We understand that there are a number of concerns over whether or not you decide to send your child into school, and I would like to give you some information so that you can make an informed decision. Attached is a frequently asked questions guide to try and answer some concerns you may have. We will release more information over the coming weeks and intend to produce a video explaining changes to you and to allow you to share this with your child prior to returning. At the moment our school is in use as a main 'Hub' for cluster schools so this can't be produced until the week before our return- watch this space!

In the primary phase, we will be working in PODS with allocated staff members attached to each POD so that the children are exposed to a limited number adults. Every child will be taught by their current class teacher. We will split every year group in half with a maximum of 16 pupils attending from that year group on a given day. Therefore your child will be attending school one day per week. You will be notified of your child's day via text. Below is a list of days to give you an indication of which pupils can attend on which days. **Nursery and Reception children** across the Local Authority **will not be attending** school at the moment, however, virtual learning will continue for these pupils. Plans are in place to develop this further for all pupils and to support parents and families working with their children.

Each Year Group will have allocated days as follows:

- Monday – 1st group of 16 year 6 pupils, year 4 pupils, year 2 pupils
- Tuesday – 2nd group of 16 year 6 pupils, year 4 pupils, year 2 pupils
- Wednesday – 1st group of 16 year 5 pupils, year 3 pupils, year 1 pupils
- Thursday – 2nd group of 16 year 5 pupils, year 3 pupils, year 1 pupils

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Health

If your child is showing any of the following symptoms, please do not send them into school.

- Cough
- Loss of Taste / Smell
- Higher than normal temperature

If your child displays symptoms whilst in school, we will contact you as a matter of urgency to come and collect them. It is extremely important that we have correct and up to date contact details and that parents / designated contacts are available throughout the day.

Transport

Parents / carers are expected to transport their children to school unless transport is pre-arranged.

Expectations

Pupils will be informed of our new way of working and the expectations placed upon them on arrival on their first day. We will be expecting pupils to adhere to the 2 metre social distancing law and the building will be set up to allow for this. We accept that this is very new for pupils and we will continually reinforce the need for Social Distancing. If we feel that a pupil is purposely ignoring this request or is behaving in a way that puts other pupils and staff in danger then parents / carers will be contacted, the pupil will be sent home and they will continue their learning at home. We would ask that you reinforce the importance of these expectations before your child attends school.

Equipment

Pupils will not be able to borrow or share equipment and we have set up equipment packs for the children when they arrive at school. We ask that you send your child in with the A4 plastic wallets and the 'Love to Learn' book we supplied the week before lockdown. Wallets and books will be available to purchase from school if you can't find yours and will be provided to pupils whose packs we sent out by post without the plastic wallets. These wallets will need to be brought into school every time your child attends. Feedback of work will be given in different ways as equipment and pupil work cannot be passed between staff and pupils.

Structure of the Day

- Pupils will be expected to arrive on site by either 9:00 am or 9:15 am. Parents should bring their children and wait on the marked lines together outside either the FP or KS2 gate. Teachers will accept the children at the gate to the yard. No parent can enter the yard area. Children will be expected to socially distance on the yard and will be supervised in this. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands on arrival and will then be allocated a seat in their classroom.

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- Pupils will be allocated into groups of no more than 8 in their POD room. We will minimise pupils' movement as much as possible, however there will be a need for some movement to allow pupils access to canteen facilities. All movement will abide by the Social Distancing requirements.

Lunch and Break Time Arrangements

- Pupils will have a morning and an afternoon break where they will be participating in fun physical activities outdoors that will be supervised closely to ensure social distancing guidelines are met. They will continue to have their lunch in the main primary hall where they will be allocated seats. Pupils are able to bring their own lunch in if they wish. Please be aware that if they are bringing their own lunch they will need to be able to open packages/containers themselves. Children will be able to bring limited personal items to school. They should only bring their plastic folders, a coat, a filled water bottle and a lunchbox if required.

Uniform

- **For the next four weeks**, we will be relaxing the uniform expectations. Pupils can choose to wear normal school uniform; PE kit; or their own clothes.
- Pupils will be expected to wear uniform as normal from September.
- Pupils will be taking part in physical activities throughout the day and should wear trainers or suitable footwear.

It is very important that we know which pupils will be attending school as this will have an impact on our planning. I am asking that you confirm whether or not your child will be attending school for the week beginning the 29th June.

Only children whose attendance has been confirmed will have access into school. You can register your child's place by clicking the link below or you can ring the school to book a place. **Please confirm your child's attendance before 5:00pm on Tuesday 16th June.**

<https://bit.ly/YCBReturntoschool>

Should you have any further questions, please telephone the school or contact Mrs Key with any questions via email - keyk2@hwbcymru.net

Yours sincerely

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