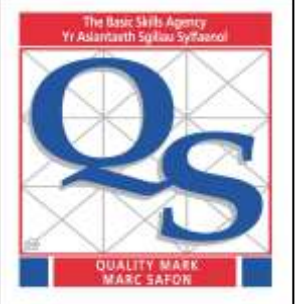


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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am now in a position to provide with you with full details on the return to school for Key Stage 2 pupils. Please accept my apologies for the delay as I was awaiting further information from Welsh Government. On Monday 15th March, all Key Stage 2 pupils will return to school and we are very much looking forward to seeing them back in school with their friends.

When pupils return to school they should wear their usual school uniform. However, on days when pupils have physical education lessons they may continue to wear their kit to school. We must continue to limit the number of items being brought into school by pupils and this should be only a coat and their bag.

Pupils may bring a packed lunch to school which they will be able to eat in the classroom. School dinners will also be available when pupils return. A copy of the menu for school dinners can be found on the Caerphilly Borough Council website.

Pupils may arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.55am and continue to use the school car park entrance. Please maintain social distance outside the gates and remember that a face covering should be worn at all times unless you are medically exempt. Pupils should not enter the school grounds until they are informed to do so by a member of staff. The end of the school day will be staggered to ensure that the contact groups do not mix. Parents may wait on the Foundation Phase playground but social distance must be maintained. If this does not happen then I will have no option but to ask parents to remain outside the school gates. The school finishing times will be as follows until further notice:

Year 3: 3.00pm
Year 4: 3.05pm
Year 5: 3.10pm
Year 6: 3.15pm

I have updated our Covid risk assessment to ensure our school site is as safe as it possibly can be for staff and pupils. However, I need to reiterate again that whilst I will continue to do all in my power to ensure the safety of staff and pupils I am unable to guarantee a completely risk free environment.

When the pupils return, we will continue to ensure that they wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water and hand sanitising stations will be set up in classrooms and at various locations throughout the school. Would you please remind your child of the importance of good hygiene.

I need to remind you all again that any pupils displaying symptoms of Coronavirus should not attend the school setting. If you are concerned about your child then you should arrange for a Coronavirus test to be taken. If any member of your household is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus then the child should not attend the school setting until that person has returned a negative result. Any child displaying symptoms of Coronavirus in school will be taken to the isolation room and will need to be collected immediately.

The school bus is running but please remember if your child uses the transport they are coming into contact with a number of different contact groups. If a positive case of Coronavirus is reported from a child who uses the transport then all the pupils using the transport that day would need to self-isolate for a period of ten days.

At the current time it is not possible for breakfast club or playworks after school provision to resume. However, we are continually reviewing the situation and hope to be in a position to begin reintroducing provision following the Easter break. I will provide more information on this nearer the time.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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