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Dear Parent/Guardian

Return to school

As we prepare to return Foundation Phase pupils (Yrs N, Rec, 1 and 2) to school there are a few things that we should consider. There has been a very clear message from Welsh Government and Swansea Council that although some year groups are returning to school it **does not** mean that there is no danger to the school community with regards to Covid 19. The whole of Wales is still in lock down and you must adhere to the advice and guidelines given. We are still currently at alert level 4 and it is still a serious situation.

We ask parents and carers to be very mindful of their responsibility to each other, the staff and pupils. It only takes 1 positive Covid test in a bubble to close the whole bubble down which has a serious impact on pupils' education and wellbeing.

Therefore we ask that parents:

- Don't organise meet ups with other children and adults in the house or in outdoor areas.
- Don't organise birthday parties and sleep overs.
- Check the advice given for support bubbles on the Government website. <https://gov.wales/alert-level-4-frequently-asked-questions>
- Collect/drop off your child to school on your own if possible.
- **Move away from the yard and school gate as quickly as possible.**
- Wear a mask on the school yard and outside when arriving at school (unless exempt)
- **Do not** send your child to school if your child or anyone in the household has any of the following symptoms:
 - A new or continuous cough
 - A high temperature
 - Loss of taste or smell
- Inform the **school immediately** if anyone in the household tests positive for Covid 19.

Week beginning February 22nd

As of the week beginning 22nd of February Foundation Phase Pupils will be in school, KS2 (Yrs 3 – 6) staff and pupils will continue with blended learning (home learning) but there is also an expectation that the school keep the Emergency Childcare Provision open.

As you can imagine, this will stretch the staff and what school will be able to provide. The focus given by Welsh Government and Swansea Council currently is that the school support the return the Foundation Phase pupils as a priority. Therefore there may be a change in some blended learning timetables for KS2 and in the

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Emergency Childcare provision.

Emergency Childcare Setting

As of February the 22nd of February, the ECS will only be available **to KS2 pupils**. There will be a limited number of spaces available. The ECS will run on normal school hours 8.40 to 3.20. We have a **very limited number** of staff available to support the ECS. If a member of staff becomes ill or needs to self-isolate, we would need to close the ECS at short notice. Pupils attending the ECS will still need to bring their own lunches for the day. The ECS children will remain in their own bubble at all times. This is an **emergency provision and should only be used when there are no other childcare options available**.

Breakfast Club / Afterschool club

For the first week back – (22- 26/02/2021), there will be no breakfast club or afterschool. This is under constant review and we will inform you as soon as it is possible to recommence these options.

Arrangements for the week beginning 22/02/2021

Day	Arrangements:
Monday 22/2/2021	Planning day for staff to familiarize themselves with a new operational plan and risk assessments. NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL AND NO ONLINE LEARNING.
Tuesday 23/2/2021	Foundation Phase – NO pupils and no online learning – Staff planning day KS2 – <u>Resume blended learning</u>
Wednesday 24/2/2021	Foundation Phase – 50% return – Group A (information to follow on which group your child is in). KS2 – Blended learning
Thursday 25/2/2021	Foundation Phase – 50% return – Group B (information to follow on which group your child is in). KS2 – Blended learning
Friday 26/2/2021	Foundation Phase – Full return – all in KS2 – Blended learning

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Drop off / Collection times

In the morning the gate will open as normal at 8.35am and close at 8.50am. Pupils will go directly to their classrooms, following the schools one way system and will be expected to wash their hands.

We will continue with the staggered collection times for the safety of all.

Nursery pupils: 2.45pm

Reception pupils: 2.50pm

Years 1 and 2: 3.00pm

Please wear face masks.

School Lunches

For the first week your child will need to bring in a packed lunch, morning snack (fruit) and drink as there will be no catering during the this week. As of the March 1st, catering will resume and there will be hot food options available.

Transport

Transport will resume as normal for pupils returning to school. If you DO NOT require transport (if your child usually uses transport) please inform the school

We look forward to welcoming the foundation phase pupils back to school. I'm sure that teachers and pupils are really looking forward to seeing each other again! I am also sure that through our careful collective effort, as staff and parents/carers, that we will make the return to school a safe and happy one.

As ever, if you have any concerns or need to support, contact the office or e mail your teacher.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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