



RE-OPENING OF YSGOL CASMAEL

Safety information for Parents and Carers



Travel to and from school

- If possible, parents and children should walk or cycle to school.
- Only one adult from each family to bring or collect each child/ or children from school please.
- Unfortunately, during this period we will be unable to welcome any parents into the yard or the school. A member of staff will be on duty at the gates at the beginning and the end of the day. If you have any queries, please ring or e-mail the school

Drop off and Pick up

- School times will vary slightly.
- If you need to collect your child early, then you will need to phone the school and we will arrange for your child to meet you.
- Parents who come to drop off or collect children, please observe the social distancing guidelines.

Uniform

- School uniform is desirable but not essential.
- Please send children to school in **clean clothing EVERY DAY. Hygiene is key!**
- As they will be outdoors a good deal, a coat will be required in inclement weather. Coats will be kept on the back of chairs, not on pegs.
- Children will **not** bring anything else from home as everything will be provided – i.e. no school bags, stationery. The only exceptions are a coat, water bottle and lunch box. However, we would encourage you to have school dinners. Please fill water bottles before leaving home. Please wash and sterilise each water bottle every day.
- In sunny weather, please apply sun-cream to your child prior to dropping them off and ensure they have a hat. (the Once-a-day type is recommended)

Bubbles:

- Each class will be dividing children into 'Bubble Groups'.
- The bubble structure will help to reduce the number of people children and staff have contact with each day.
- Children will have the opportunity to complete some home learning tasks in school.

Hygiene and cleanliness:

- Children will wash their hands on entry to their classroom and will be reminded to wash their hands frequently during the day.
- Tissues will be available.
- Classrooms, toilets and doors will be cleaned regularly, throughout the day.
- Classroom doors and windows will be kept open to aid ventilation.
- There will be covered bins for paper towels in each classroom and in the toilet areas.
- Pupils will be educated about correct hand washing using songs, visual aids and posters.

Social Distancing - In the Classroom:

- The 'Bubble' of staff and children, will not have contact with

Lunch Time:

- Lunch will be served in the classroom. Dietary requirements will be met as usual.

<p>other people throughout the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will be allocated their own table and chair within the class. • They will not share any equipment or resources with other children. • Children will only move from their table when asked by their named adult. • Lining-up times, will also be carefully managed to maintain social distancing. • Children will remain in their allocated space for the day; only leaving for breaks and physical activity, with their own small group of children. • Whole school activities, such as assemblies, will not take place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although this isn't a directive, we would welcome as many children as possible having school dinners each day. • A hot lunch and a pudding will be served each day. There will be a new fortnightly menu. Orders will be taken daily as usual, payments should be made on line. <p>.</p> <p>Using outside areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are keen that the children have regular time outdoors, with their small 'Bubble Group'. This is good for their physical and mental wellbeing at this time. • There will be timetabled outdoor time both as part of their daily routine and also for break and lunchtimes. • When outdoors, children will only mix with children from their own bubble, maintaining social distancing, they will not have contact with children from other classroom 'Bubbles' during outdoor times. • Children will wash their hands prior to going outside and on entry back into the classroom. • They will be reminded of the importance of social distancing whilst outdoors too.
<p>Use of toilets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will wash hands before using the toilet. • They will wash hands after use of the toilet. • Children will use 2m distancing when waiting to use the toilet. 	<p>First Aid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aiders will be available to be called upon. • If children feel unwell, they must let their teacher know. • The teacher will follow the appropriate protocol to isolate the student in order to reduce risk to others. • A separate isolation rooms will be designated and equipped in the event of a member of the school falling ill. • Children falling ill during the school day will need to be collected by their parents immediately.
<p>Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents wishing their child to attend Key Worker provision will use the Booking System as usual. If children can be cared for at home safely, then this should continue to be the case. • Children who are shielding or live with someone who is shielding, should not be required to attend school. They will continue to follow the home learning programme. • Children who are in or live with someone who is in a vulnerable group may attend school, but must maintain strict social distancing. • No parent will be pressured to return their child to school and 	<p>Covid19 Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children must not attend school if they have displayed any symptoms in the last 14 days. • If children have any of the following symptoms they must stay at home and you should contact school to let us know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cough - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing - Fever or chills - Muscle pain - Sore throat - New loss of taste or smell

no fines will be issued for non-attendance. (School staff may ring to confirm absence following our usual procedures.)

- Please do not send your child to school on any days other than the ones they have been booked in to attend.
- To help protect the health and safety of all members of the school; any child who is unable to follow guidelines and instructions may be asked to stay at home during this time.

Behaviour

The normal school policy on behaviour will apply when the school reopens. In addition to this, we will be operating a pandemic behaviour policy. This will follow the rules as set out in Welsh Government Policy on social distancing during the pandemic.

Pupils who consistently break these rules or fail to follow health and safety procedures and instructions, putting themselves and others at risk, may be asked to stay at home.

- If your child is displaying Covid symptoms, please keep them at home for seven days, whilst the rest of the household self-isolates for 14 days.
- It is parents' responsibility to seek a test as quickly as possible. If a positive case is confirmed, then the whole of the classroom bubble including adults, will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If a test proves negative, school will need proof of this result before the child returns to school.
- If there appears to be a significant outbreak of the virus within school, then the school will likely close again and deep cleaning will follow.
- Please do not send any child to school who is at all unwell.

Home-Learning

- It is important that home-learning continues for all groups of learners, in the way it has been during the lockdown period.
- Teachers will continue to set work, for home-learning, and children will be given the opportunity to complete some of this at school.
- Work will focus on consolidating, reinforcing and reviewing key knowledge and skills, in order to ensure that this learning is not lost.
- Work will also continue to prioritise pupil emotional wellbeing.
- We are always happy to be given constructive feedback regarding home-learning, from parents and carers.
- As teachers are now teaching in class more frequently, responses to home learning queries may not be as frequent. Please be patient as they will respond.

Social Distancing

We as a school will do our utmost to ensure that social distancing is followed at all times, we are more than aware that this will probably be our biggest challenge. Children are children, they are naturally inquisitive and impulsive. We will do our best to make sure that they follow the guidance by displaying signage and educating them in a positive manner from the beginning of our reopening, however, for us to state that social distancing **will** be followed at **all** times would be misleading, as we are all only human, and we can only do our best.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school in the usual way.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I'm a parent / guardian who is shielding. Do I send my child / children back to school at the end of June?

If you are a shielding parent or guardian, there is no expectation to send your child / children back to school at the end of June. Parents won't be fined for keeping their child / children at home. These children will continue to be supported by their schools in different ways.

My child is shielding. Will they have to return to school at the end of June?

If your child is shielding they should not return to school at the end of June or use the opportunity of these check-in sessions. Shielded children will continue to be supported by their schools in different ways.

Will parents be fined if they do not send their child to school?

During this time parents won't be fined for keeping their child / children at home. These children will continue to be supported by their schools in different ways.

What date is the October half-term break?

We are working to determine the date for the additional week on the October half-term break and will ensure it is communicated as soon as possible.

What is the cleaning regime at the school?

As with the need to maintain good personal hygiene to hamper the spread of the virus, the importance of cleanliness and appropriate cleaning regimes in school settings cannot be over emphasised.

In line with the guidance we will adhere to the following principles wherever possible:

- Staff will wipe any personal items e.g. mobile phones, tablets, reading glasses, pens etc. with disinfectant/alcohol wipes.
- Where possible, classroom doors will be propped open so as to prevent the touching of door-handles, and windows opened to allow a free-flow of air through the building.
- Before entering a classroom, all pupils and members of staff will thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water.
- Classroom furniture will be kept to a minimum and that other items of equipment remaining in the classroom are easy to clean/disinfect.
- High use surfaces will be cleaned and wiped down every 2 hours.
- Pupils, and staff, should have ownership of their stationary and not share with others, this will be provided by the school.
- The staff will remove soft furnishings, soft toys and toys that are hard to clean.
- All toys/equipment will be cleaned after each use/end of play session before placing back into storage.
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Will online learning continue for our children when schools reopen?

When schools reopen, teachers will be back in school everyday teaching their own class in small groups of children (no more than 8 at any one time). On the days when your children are back in school they will receive as close to normal education as possible. When they are at home on the other days, they will be set home learning tasks to complete, extending the work they have covered in school.

There will be a blended approach meaning that teachers will also provide online learning work for children who are unable to come to school as they have been medically advised to shield and children who are not returning to school yet as parents don't feel the time is quite right.

Will siblings or children's friendships groups be in at the same time?

We are unable to guarantee that siblings or particular friendship groups come to the school at the same time. This was not made a priority by Welsh Government and the Local Authority have made it clear that they do not want schools to try and manage this. The priority is to ensure that all pupils are able to 'check in' with their school on a regular basis. However, we will try our best to ensure that the 'bubble' groups take into consideration year groups and friendship groups.

Will staff be wearing masks and gloves or other forms of PPE?

There is no direct requirement from Welsh Government for staff to wear PPE, unless dealing with incidents requiring close contact e.g. first aid, assisting with toileting etc. In these instances, the main forms of PPE used would include disposable aprons, gowns and gloves. These will be changed immediately following the care episode or the task undertaken.

Eye/face protection e.g. surgical mask or full face shield/visor will be worn by staff when there is a risk of contamination to the eyes, or inhalation, from splashing of secretions (including respiratory secretions), blood, body fluids and excretions.

Is the school aiming to be back to normal set up after summer holidays?

I'm afraid we can't say. We await updates from Welsh Government, just like you do. It appears that we all get information from the Education Minister at the same time. It is unlikely that school will be entirely back to normal in September, there will continue to be a phased approach in accordance with Welsh Government and Local Authority recommendations.

What about Year 6 transition to secondary schools?

We are working with the secondary schools to ensure that Year 6 transition takes place as we feel that it is very important. However, the secondary schools have their own challenges at the moment so we will wait to hear what their plans are regarding transition and we will let you know.

We will do all we can to make sure that Year 6 have a really good last few weeks in Primary School and try to make it as special as possible.

Will the children be allowed to have play outside for their wellbeing?

Yes, there will plenty of opportunities for children to play outside. Although break times and lunchtimes will be staggered

Are pupils expected to bring their own stationary?

No, they are not. We have been advised that children are to bring as few items from home as possible to reduce possible virus transfer.