



FEBRUARY 2021 -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 school. If you have any queries, please ring or e-mail the school

Drop off and Pick up

- 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.
- Every parent is required to wear a face mask at the school gate and remain socially distanced from other adults and children.

Uniform

- School uniform is desirable.
- Please send children to school in **clean clothing EVERY DAY. Hygiene is key!**
- **A coat is essential.** 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 your child to have school dinners.

Face coverings – Update 11.2.21

- In primary school settings staff will be expected to use face coverings in communal areas and corridors in line with school's risk assessment.
- Staff are also encouraged to wear a face covering where it is not possible to be socially distanced from other staff or pupils.
- Face coverings for pupils are only essential on school transport.

Bubbles:

- The bubble structure will help to reduce the number of people children and staff have contact with each day.
- Play times and lunch times will aim to keep these bubbles separate.
- There will be no whole school gatherings e.g - assembly

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 during the day.
- Classroom doors and windows will be kept open to aid ventilation where possible.

Social Distancing - In the Classroom:

- The 'Bubble' of staff and children, will not have contact with other people throughout the day.
- In the Foundation Phase pupils will make use of classroom-based resources. These will be used and shared within their

Lunch Time:

- Lunch will be served in the hall. Dietary requirements will be met as usual.
- Although this isn't a directive, we would welcome as many children as possible having school dinners each day.
- Please do not send in snacks to school.

<p>contact group. These will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lining-up times, will also be carefully managed to maintain social distancing. • Whole school activities, such as assemblies, will not take place. 	<p>Using outside areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are keen that the children have regular time outdoors, with their ‘Bubble’. 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. • This means 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.
<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. 	<p>First Aid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aiders will be available, they will wear full PPE • 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"> • Children who are or live with someone who is in a vulnerable group may attend school, but must be extra vigilant around cleanliness • 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. <p>Behaviour The normal school policy on behaviour will apply. In addition to this, we will be operating a pandemic behaviour policy. This will follow the rules as set out in Welsh Government Policy. 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.</p>	<p>Covid19 Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children must not attend school if they have displayed any symptoms in the last 10 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 • If your child is displaying Covid symptoms, please keep them at home for seven days, whilst the rest of the household self-isolates for 10 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 10days.

- 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.

Social Distancing

Social distancing between staff members, between staff and parents and between staff and pupils still currently applies. We as a school will do our utmost to ensure that the protocol for 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

What date is the Spring half-term break?

Half term will run from the 15th -19th of February – no on line learning will be set for this time.

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 regularly throughout the day.
- 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.

Will online learning continue for our children when schools reopen?

When school reopens to Foundation Phase pupils, teachers will be back in school everyday teaching their own class, there will therefore be no online learning for these pupils. Key stage 2 pupils will continue to receive their lessons on-line.

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

Staff are required to wear full PPE when 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.

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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 might be different to the usual.

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.