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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF:  
PARENTS / CARERS OF FOUNDATION  
PHASE PUPILS**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

On Friday, 5 February, 2021 the Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams announced that Foundation Phase pupils (Nursery, Reception, year 1 and 2 classes) will be able to start returning to school gradually from the 22 February, 2021 onwards. I am certain that your child will be very much looking forward to returning to a routine of seeing their teachers and friends.

There are many considerations in the gradual re-opening of schools and we will aim to welcome all Foundation Phase pupils back by Friday, 26 February, 2021. However, opening any school during a pandemic will be based on agreed risk assessments that will allow schools to be as safe as possible for pupils and staff. Opening a school in a safe manner will be our main aim. In some cases, that may mean starting to re-open a little later than expected.

### **Open safely**

When schools re-open the following arrangements will be in place:

- all taxis/buses transporting Foundation Phase aged children will run as normal
- your child will need a packed lunch for the week commencing 22 February, 2021 and all school kitchens will provide food from the 1 March, 2021 onwards
- a number of infection control measures will be in place in the school which include
  - take pupils' temperature on access to school
  - regular cleaning throughout the day
  - constant hand washing and good hygiene
  - good ventilation and use of the outdoors for learning when purposeful
  - staff wearing face coverings
  - testing school staff with Lateral Flow Test twice a week

### **Closing provision at short notice**

At times, there is a possibility that some staff members' Lateral Flow Test results will be positive and therefore the class will have to close. You may be given little notice, but it is essential to close the class to protect against further spread of infection. Classes will also have to be closed immediately if any child who has been in contact with the class is tested positive.

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English. Correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and correspondence in English will be answered in English. Corresponding in Welsh will not involve any delay.

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**Hygiene**

Regular hand washing arrangements will be essential and we kindly ask you to practise hand washing arrangements with your children at home before they return to school. Practising careful hand washing at home will assist the school's regular hand washing arrangements.

**Reduce connections**

We are aware that some Foundation Phase pupils attend more than one setting e.g. Cylch Meithrin and school, or private childcare and school. Welsh Government advice is that pupils should ideally remain in the same contact group at all times, and that contacts should be minimised. If your child has to use other childcare while also attending school, it is essential that the school is informed of where your child attends and on which days. This will make tracking and tracing arrangements much easier should a case arise.

**Arrival and collection arrangements**

Arrangements for bringing and collecting children from school will need to happen as safely as possible. Adults who bring and collect your child to and from school will need to wear a mask at all times and ensure that they are socially distancing themselves from others.

**Lockdown restrictions**

As a country, we remain in lockdown and it is therefore essential that children and their families do not socialise. The Welsh Government has made it clear that children should not go to each other's houses to play or meet in public places.

**Welcome back**

All schools will be delighted to be able to welcome your child back to the classroom and will focus on developing their wellbeing and skills. We are extremely grateful to you as parents for the key role you have taken in supporting your child's education. Your contribution has been extremely important to your child's development.

The Headteacher of your school will contact you in due course to notify you of the school's arrangements. We are extremely grateful for the way in which schools are working tirelessly to ensure arrangements that are in everyone's best interests and safety.

Yours sincerely,



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