



LLANTRISANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during these unprecedented times. The past three months have been challenging for everyone and I have appreciated your kind words during this time and more recently your supportive feedback on the effort school has made to ensure that we re-open safely to all pupils.

I would like to pay tribute to our dedicated staff at Llantrisant Primary for the way in which they have provided support for all our pupils and the regular communication you have received throughout this period. The staff have working tirelessly to provide a rich variety of home learning tasks, keeping in touch with our pupils and most recently working together to reshape our school to make it safe for the final 3 weeks of the school term. In addition to this, the majority of the staff have regularly supported the hub provision, ensuring that both vulnerable learners and children of key workers have been able to access childcare during this time.

The re-organisation to return to school has required much thought to ensure we comply with Welsh Government and LEA guidelines and to ensure we maintain appropriate social distancing 'bubbles'. This has meant that we have told you which times and days pupils are able to come to school. Whilst we appreciate that this is far from ideal and may pose some problems in terms of planning for the other days, we have no other option than to organise it in this way.

Unfortunately, we have little choice but to do our very best and make decisions based on the information and risk assessments we have in place. Any changes we make has a knock on effect somewhere else, so we have revised our plans many times to ensure they are right. We have considered many issues such as siblings and friendships groups. Unfortunately, with so few pupils attending school each day, our plans are unlikely to suit or please everyone.

We are hoping to see as many pupils as possible over the next three weeks. They have been amazing with their work at home, but seeing them face to face will be a relief and much appreciated by staff and I am sure the pupils as well.

Our focus is very much on their wellbeing, exploring how the children have responded to the isolation and home working and looking at how we can support them moving forward. Blended learning, a mix of home

and school based learning, is expected to be with us for some time. So after our wellbeing checks we will be exploring with pupils what they have found to be the most effective home learning tasks and the most challenging to engage with

Each teacher has prepared a short video of all the classrooms and areas for you to watch before we return to school. You can find this on the 'Posts' section of Microsoft Teams page. I sincerely hope that you will find time to watch it with your child/children so that they feel happy and safe before they return to school.

Below is a reminder of the arrangements for returning to school:

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

- On arrival at school, please follow the signs down the path to the second gate.
- Pupils will have their temperatures checked using an infrared thermometer (I will be wearing a face visor to complete these checks). This has been a process that has been successful in the hubs over the last few weeks, and only takes a few seconds to complete.
- Pupils will then say goodbye to their parent and follow the path to their classroom where their teachers will be there to greet them.

Reception- enter at the fire escape door in Dosbarth Coch,

Dosbarth Melyn will enter at their fire escape door;

Dosbarth Gwyrdd- to use the key Stage 2 entrance, and

Dosbarth Glas to enter using the fire escape door to their classroom

- Parents are then kindly asked to leave the school site by walking up the driveway. The main gates will be closed to prevent any vehicles from entering the premises during these times. We would ask parents to leave the school site immediately and not stop to chat with other parents so that this does not impact on other parents dropping off their children.
- Any reading books you wish to return to school, please leave in the box by the gate.

LEAVING SCHOOL

- Parents/carers will be allowed to go onto the school yard to meet their children. We ask you kindly to strictly keep to the 2 metre social distancing rule and stand on a marker on the yard.
- A member of staff will send your child to you. If you have a child in KS2 they will also meet you on the yard so that you can leave safely together.

CLEANING IN SCHOOL

- Our cleaners will be coming into school for four hours during the school day to clean all frequently touched surfaces and again at the end of the day to clean all areas.

HYGIENE

- We will ensure that all staff and children regularly wash their hands. They should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- We will also ensure that children understand effective handwashing techniques.
- Regular handwashing will include on arrival and when leaving school; before and after handling food; before and after handling objects and equipment that may have been used by others; where there has been any physical contact and after people blow their nose, sneeze or cough.

- We have clear procedures if children or staff begin to show symptoms on site. Those showing symptoms will be kept separate until they can be collected and taken home.
- Surfaces that children or staff with symptoms have come into contact with will be carefully cleaned. Anyone displaying symptoms should stay at home for 7 days and should arrange to be tested. Anyone who lives with someone displaying symptoms but remains well should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person became ill.

HUB PROVISION FOR KEY WORKERS

- The Hub will run from 8 am-5 pm every day and I ask that children are dropped off between 8:00-8:45 am.
- Hub pupils should be dropped off at the main entrance (where temperature checks will be taken) and parents will be asked for a time that they will be collecting their children.
- Please also collect your children from the main entrance.
- Children will need a packed lunch, snack and drink as there is no catering service on site during these next three weeks.
- Pupils may wear their own clothes.

A FEW REMINDERS:

- There will be no catering service on site therefore all pupils will need a packed lunch and water bottle on the day they visit. Any children entitled to free school meals will receive a 'Grab and Go' bag and do not need to bring in a packed lunch but will need to bring a drink for use throughout the day. NO large back packs or sports bags are permitted at this time.
- The start and end of the day will be staggered – please adhere to your time.
- Pupils do not need to wear their school uniform but we do ask if they could wear clean clothes every day. To help social distancing, staff will consider as many activities outside as practicable. This will require children to have appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather.
- Under NO circumstances should you bring your child/children to school if they are feeling unwell.
- Pupils do not need pencil cases, books etc. – we have prepared individual stationery packs for every pupil.
- If the weather is hot and sunny, please ensure your child has a hat and sun cream has been applied before school.

As mentioned in previous correspondence we will be reviewing our procedures on a daily basis and if we decide that we need to change our arrangements we will contact you as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please either ring the school or email at: admin.llantrisantprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk

We really hope your children are looking forward to returning to school for their Check In sessions as we are all looking forward to seeing them.

Kind regards,

Lisa Davies

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