



Back to School Information for Parents and Carers – September 2020

The last few months have been very unusual indeed and we would like to thank you for your positivity, support and good wishes and for working so hard at home to support your children in their learning and ensuring their well-being throughout this time.

As we prepare for September we have taken account the current Welsh Government guidelines and guidance from Conwy LA and Public Health Wales. We have completed a full risk assessment and this will be updated regularly following any changes to the guidance.

Here are the current details relating to our planned phased return:

GENERAL
<p>School will open from Tuesday 1st September.</p> <p>Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September will be preparation days for staff to familiarise themselves with new procedures, ensure that all arrangements are in place to support our risk assessments and to organise classrooms and plan curriculum provision.</p> <p>No learners will be on site during these two days.</p> <p>For those who have not attended the site for a while, you will find that there are some changes to classrooms and procedures but we will guide you through this when you return to school. To sum up – here are the four ways in which we are keeping our school safe for all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HYGIENE – hand sanitising stations on entry and throughout school, regular handwashing and reminders regarding reduction of germ spreading. Enhanced cleaning routines and regular spot cleaning throughout the day. PPE will be worn when necessary by adults e.g. when performing first aid. • DISTANCING – learners will be encouraged to keep their distance as much as possible and adults will maintain a 2 metre distance from learners and from one another. • CONTACT GROUPS - learners will remain with their year groups throughout the day in class, outdoors and for breaks and lunch. Each group will have designated toileting and hand washing facilities. • PARTNER WORKING - in partnership with you, our school families and with all those involved with school, we will adhere to Welsh Government guidelines to keep one another safe from the spread of COVID-19 both inside and outside school.

Week 1 (31/8/20 – 4/9/20)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Preparation Day for Staff No Pupils	Preparation Day for Staff No Pupils	All Staff Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6	All Staff Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6
Week 2 (7/9/20 – 11/9/20)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
All Staff Y1, Y3 & Y5	All Staff Y1, Y3 & Y5	All Staff All Year Groups	All Staff All Year Groups	All Staff All Year Groups

NURSERY

- Our new Nursery learners will be welcomed to school using the usual 'staggered' approach during the week beginning 7th September when we will begin to welcome learners in small groups. Nursery parents will have received a transition booklet and have had an opportunity for a visit on Thursday 23rd July. Mrs Montgomery will provide you with dates for your child's start at school.

UNIFORM

- Learners will need to return to school wearing school uniform.
- Learners will need to bring a PE kit to school on the day of their PE lesson.

SCHOOL DINNERS/ WATER/ SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- School dinners will be available from Thursday 3rd September. Hot meals will be provided and eaten in the classrooms as well as packed lunches. Any child who is eligible for free school meals will receive a meal from Thursday 3rd September. If your child is not timetabled to come to school on any day during these first two weeks you will need to contact the school office by 10am to order a lunch and collect between midday and 12.30pm.
- Every child must bring their own water bottle to school.
- Please do not send anything else to school with your child e.g. pencil cases as they will be provided with all the school supplies they need in their own learning pack.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

Infant Classes Gate A		Junior Classes Gate B	
8.50am - 2.50pm	Reception – Dosbarth Aran Mrs Roden / Miss Daniels	8.30am - 3.00pm	Year 3 – Dosbarth Elidir Mrs Morgan
9.00am - 3.00pm	Year 1 – Dosbarth y Garn Mrs C. Roberts	8.40am - 3.10pm	Year 4 – Dosbarth Carneddau Miss Tilbury
9.10am – 3.10pm	Year 2 – Dosbarth Tryfan Mr Lindquist	8.50am – 3.20pm	Year 5 – Dosbarth Glyder Mr Morris
		9.00am – 3.30pm	Year 6 – Dosbarth yr Wyddfa Mrs Catherall

Only staff and pupils will be allowed through the school gates and we have established staggered start and finish times to the school day to avoid congregating outside school. This will be adapted but will continue in September to ease congestion and maintain social distancing as much as possible.

BREAKFAST CLUB/ AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- There will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club provision for the first two weeks of term as we settle in to the new routines and procedures.
- More information will follow at the beginning of term about how these Clubs will be run from 14th September.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Children with shielding letters or living with someone with a shielding letter must not attend school.
- Public Health Wales guidelines will be followed for all vulnerable groups. If you are unsure if your child should attend, please follow the advice in the guidelines. <https://gov.wales/guidance-shielding-and-protecting-people-defined-medical-grounds-extremely-vulnerable-coronavirus-0>
- Any child showing symptoms will be taken to the Nurture Room for isolation purposes and you will be contacted for your child to be collected from school immediately. **Please ensure we have an up-to-date contact number in September.**

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

- We encourage pupils to walk, scoot or ride your bike to school whenever possible. If you are using your car, please be considerate when dropping off and picking up.



CONTACT GROUPS

- Learners will remain in the same contact group, which will be their year group with the same staff during the day.



Structure of School Day

- There will be staggered times for drop off and pick up of pupils at 10 minute intervals.
- Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered to avoid contact groups mixing as far as possible.

	Gate	Drop Off Time	Morning Break	Lunch (in class)	Lunch Break	Afternoon Break	Pick Up Time
Reception	A	8.50	10.15	12.30	12.00	2.00	2.50
Year 1	A	9.00	10.30	12.00	12.30	2.15	3.00
Year 2	A	9.10	10.45	12.30	1.00	2.30	3.10
Year 3	B	8.30	10.15	12.30	12.00	2.00	3.00
Year 4	B	8.40	10.30	12.00	12.30	2.15	3.10
Year 5	B	8.50	10.45	12.30	1.00	2.30	3.20
Year 6	B	9.00	11.00	1.00	1.30	2.45	3.30

Thank you for taking the time to read and digest all this information. From September we will be contacting you and sending all communications via SeeSaw so please ensure you are signed up to this system to avoid missing any information. You will be given a new class QR code by September to sign up to your child's new class. You will also need to sign up to ParentPay if you haven't already as you need to be in the system to make any payments to school from September onwards. Please contact Auntie Mel at the office about how to do this.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please email swyddfa@fforddyffryn.conwy.sch.uk or telephone us at school on 01492 878907 and please follow us on Twitter @Fforddyffryn. Thank you for everything you have done to support us as a school this year.

Further Information:

<https://gov.wales/education-coronavirus>

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Education-and-Families/Schools/Provisions-in-schools-from-September-2020>

