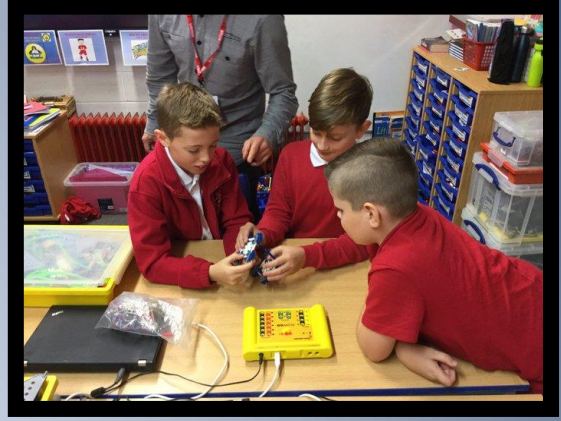


Weekly Newsletter

August 31st 2020

A Caring, Respectful and Open Environment, where Success and Opportunity flourish



Please find our school newsletter for the 31st August 2020. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor



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31st August 2020

Cadw'n Ddiogel. Stay Safe.
Dal ati i Ddysgu. Stay Learning.

Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

I hope this update finds you all well. I trust you have had an enjoyable summer and a relaxing Bank holiday weekend.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school in the next few days. I am also very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery families.

I have included our previous year 6 families in this communication. Our very best wishes as you start Bassaleg this week boys and girls. Good luck!

As you will be aware there has been much in the news in recent weeks regarding children returning to school. In July I provided you with some information regarding September 2020. Please click [here](#) for that information.

We have received updated guidance over the summer and I understand some further guidance will be released in the next few days. I will therefore update the July guidance by the end of this week.

School staff will be planning on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and we will look forward to welcoming years 1-6 back to school on Thursday.

Please refer to the July guidance for staggered times, drop off and pick up arrangements.

In addition to the July guidance I wanted to add a number of practical things that you will need to be aware of:



Quarantine

If you have recently returned from holiday to a country where the government has said that you need to quarantine and children will not be in school for the first days/ weeks of term please e mail the school office on pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk to let us know so that we can update our attendance registers.

More information is available [here](#).

Childminders

You will be aware from my previous communication and from the few weeks that children attended school at the end of last term that siblings arrive and leave school at the same time. This is for safety reasons, promotes social distancing, the use of the one way system and reduces footfall and gatherings around the school. Having taken advice we will also be treating groups of children with registered childminders in the same way as family siblings for the purpose of drop off and pick up. Please refer to the previous July guidance issued. It is important that parents speak with childminders and that we and children are fully aware of where they are picked up at the end of the day.

Contact Groups

Each class will be defined as a 'contact' group. During the day children will stay with their contact group and will not directly mix with any other children from any other class. Classes will have staggered break and lunch times. They will also have staggered planned toilet and hand washing breaks.

Breakfast Club

At present, based on a risk assessment there will be no breakfast club until further notice.

Lunch

Children will need to bring a cold packed lunch from home. Chartwells will be in discussion with school about what the catering service will look like going forward. I will provide you with more information as soon as that becomes available. Please ensure that packed lunches contain items that children can easily open. Children will be eating their lunches with their own contact group in their class. If you are entitled to free school meals Mrs Harman will be in contact with you to provide you with details.

NEW Nursery

Miss Williams will be telephoning all families this week in readiness for nursery children having their taster visit week starting 7th September. Parents were informed what group and day in July. All Nursery children will start week beginning 14th September. I look forward to meeting you all.

NEW Reception

Mrs Starke and Miss Matthews will be telephoning all families this week in readiness for reception children having their taster day week beginning 7th September. Parents were informed of the group and day in July. All Reception children will start week beginning 14th September. I look forward to meeting you all.



Communication with School

The school office will remain closed to all parents and visitors until further notice. Please e mail or telephone the school if you need to speak to us about anything.

School Transport

For those children arriving on transport provided by Newport City Council, please see the statement from Newport City Council, issued in August..

Following the cessation of school transport over the past 5 months, we have been working with operators to re-establish transport provision for the new school year. We are now confident that provision will be available for all children who are entitled to free transport. Details of changes will be made available next week and letters sent out to parents to explain any changes

Stationery

A reminder that children should not bring in any stationery items – the school will provide all pens, pencils and equipment needed.

Uniform

School uniform should be worn, although trainers can be worn as we will be outside as much as is possible.

Water Bottles

Children may also bring a full water bottle. Only water is recommended as per Welsh Government guidelines.


I will be in touch again in the next few days with a full update to the July parent information sent but thought there were a number of things that you will need to plan for, particularly for years 1 to 6 starting this Thursday. I understand that we will receive more guidance Tuesday or Wednesday and I will update you of any changes and give more detail on procedures and protocols.

It is very important that if your child is unwell then they should stay at home, particularly if they show any symptoms of Covid-19. Please inform us of any illness in the usual manner by ringing or e mail. If your child becomes ill during the school day we will follow strict isolation procedures and ring you to collect immediately. I will give more details in the full updated guidance by the end of the week.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation with staggered pick up and drop off times, the one way system and adhering to social distancing. With increased numbers of children in school I will monitor how this works in the next few weeks. Please be patient if there are socially distanced queues and allow plenty of time to walk to school, particularly in inclement weather. A reminder there is no parking available on school premises.

I am sure I will be in regular contact in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,
Cofion cynnes,



Dean Taylor
Headteacher



Return to School Summary

No on-site parking is available for parents or visitors at the beginning and end of the school day. Drop off only in the mornings for children in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 or with siblings in those year groups. Children only to be dropped off and no parking in the drop off bays allowed.

	What time do pupils start?	What time do pupils finish?	Are you allowed to drive on site at the start of the day?	Drop off	Entry point to classroom	Collection Point
Reception	9:00am	3.30pm	No	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance	Collection point 3
Year 1	9:00am	3.30pm	No	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance	Collection point 3
Year 2	8.45am	3.15pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle/ Nursery Entrance	External Classroom doors	Collection point 1
Year 3RD	8.45am	3.15pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 1
Year 3JB	8.45am	3.15pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	Main entrance next to office	Collection point 2
Year 4TG	8.45am	3.15pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 1
Year 4EJ	8.45am	3.15pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 2
Year 5JW	8.30am	3.00pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 1
Year 5TM	8:30am	3.00pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 2
Year 6GS	8:30am	3.00pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 1
Year 6RC	8:30am	3.00pm	Yes - Drop off only	Turning Circle Gate	External Classroom door	Collection point 2
Morning Nursery	9.15am	11.45am	No	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance
Afternoon Nursery	1.00pm	3.30pm	No	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance	Nursery Entrance

An example of a sibling or childminder group – two children, one in year 6 and one in Reception – both would start at 8.30am and finish at 3.30pm. Start at the time of the older child, finish at the time of the younger.

