

Parent Information

February 21st 2021
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Please find information for parents for the second half of the spring term 2021. Click on the links for more information.

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Kind regards,
Cofion cynnes,

Dean Taylor



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Foundation Phase Return to 'Face to Face' Teaching

Dear Parent and Carer,
Annwyl Rhieni,

I am now in a position to be able to provide you with some more detail regarding Foundation Phase return to face to face teaching from **Monday February 22nd 2021.**

Reception, Years 1 and 2 will return on **Monday February 22nd – 9.00 am start**

New Nursery children will start at 1pm on **Monday February 22nd**

Existing Nursery children will start on **Tuesday February 23rd**

All start and finish times remain the same as the Autumn term.

All drop off and pick up points remain the same as the Autumn term.

We have been working with Welsh Government and Newport City Council to update our school risk assessment in line with updated guidelines from Welsh Government.

It is vitally important that we work together to **keep all safe**. In particular please ensure:

- Parents adhere to **strict social distancing** when dropping off and picking up children at the start and end of the school day. **We ask that parents do not congregate in groups outside school gates and we will further limit the number of adults allowed in at a time to maximise social distancing.**
- All parents and carers **wear face coverings** whilst on the school site.
- Where possible limit the number of adults picking up to one per family and do not ask others from another household to pick up your children (apart from childminders) in line with government regulations.
- No parents or carers to enter the school building.



- The same arrangements regarding drop off – from Monday February 22nd all children in Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 must continue to be dropped off on foot adhering to the one way system. Year 2 children may be dropped off by vehicle and may walk to their classroom doors (staff supervision will be in place). This will also apply to older children in key stage 2 who may be using the hub facility. This is in line with the approved risk assessment.
- **Home Learning books should remain at home and not be brought in to school**
- **Children in Foundation phase only need to be dropped off at 8.30am if they have an older sibling in the hub.**
- **Foundation Phase teachers will put a message on See Saw informing you what days this week children will need PE kit/wet weather gear etc.**

Lunch

Foundation Phase children will need to bring a packed lunch for the week beginning Monday February 22nd. Foundation phase children do not need to bring in large bags if they are just bringing a lunchbox and a drink. Chartwells will re-instate the school meals service from Monday March 1st 2021. **A reminder that children must not bring any food containing nuts into school.** Children who are entitled to free school meals will continue to be provided with a voucher.

Warm clothes

As part of our risk assessment it is very important to ensure windows are open for ventilation – whilst school uniform is still required please ensure children wear plenty of layers and have warm coats, hats, gloves etc. Suitable footwear for PE and outdoor activities should be worn.

Hub Children

The hub provision will continue for Key Stage 2 children who have been approved by the school having met the strict criteria. It is still the guidance that children should be cared for at home (including where parents are able to work from home) where possible and that hub provision should be used as a last resort to prevent the spread of the virus. Please arrive as close to 8.30am and no later than 9.00am to ensure a staggered flow. **Children who attend school in hub after half term should wear school uniform, but have outdoor footwear and warm layers.**

The Hub for Years 3 and 4 will be in Mrs Davies' class – children should enter by Mrs Davies' external door.

The Hub for Years 5 and 6 will be in Mr Cleaves' class – children should follow the one way system around and enter via Mr Cleaves' external classroom door.

If you would like children who attend the hub provision to walk home unaccompanied at the end of the day please e- mail school on pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk If you are picking your child up from the Hub – year 3 and 4 will continue to be dismissed from the hall, year 5 and 6 from Mr Cleaves' door.

If children in the hub have younger siblings in years 2,1 or Reception they are able to arrive in school together at 8.30am but will go to their class contact groups.

Medication

Please ensure that if your child is taking any medication under a care plan approved by school that all medication is up to date.

Please update us if there are any changes to medical conditions/ plans etc. since children last attended school before Christmas.



Key Stage 2

Online Learning

As you will have heard in the First Minister's press conference on Friday if transmission rates continue to fall then Welsh Government are hopeful that children in Key Stage 2 may be able to start face to face teaching and learning from Monday March 15th 2021. This is to be confirmed – as soon as I have any further information I will inform you in a timely manner.

Online learning will continue for Key Stage 2 pupils, commencing Monday February 22nd. In addition to the pre-recorded teaching clips and other elements of provision we will be developing our 'live sessions' further. Online safety information for parents and carers is available [here](#). For parents who will be dropping off Foundation phase children and may struggle with getting older siblings in to Teams meetings for a 9.00am start, please do not worry – class teachers will ensure that older siblings are in group B or are able to join the later time group.

Check In, Catch Up, Check Out!

There will be three live sessions for children starting from **Monday 22nd February 2021**

Check in – Start the week – half hour session on a **Monday** or **Tuesday** where there is a wellbeing check in, the 'big picture' of learning for the week is talked through, teaching strategies and resources explained, tips for children, questions and answers and problems solved.

Catch Up, Problem Solve and Motivate – a wellbeing check in and an opportunity for children to chat directly with teachers to ask questions, solve problems and go over learning on a **Wednesday**.

Check Out, Reflect and Celebrate Success – half hour session on a **Friday afternoon** where there is a wellbeing check in, opportunity for children to reflect and share any learning and success



Day	Time	Year	Group
Monday 'Check in- start the week'	9.00am	3,4EJ,5,6	Group A
	9.45am	3,4EJ,5,6	Group B
Live Assembly	10.30am	All Key Stage 2 children	
Tuesday 'Check in- start the week'	9.00am	4TG	Group A
	9.45am	4TG	Group B
Wednesday 'Catch Up, Problem Solve and Motivate'	9.00am	3RD,4EJ,5TM,6GS	Whole Class
	9.45am	3JB,4TG,5JW,6RC	Whole Class
Friday 'Check Out, Reflect and Celebrate Success'	1.15pm	3,4,5,6	Group B
	2.00pm	3,4,5,6	Group A
Red Book Live Assembly	10.30am	All Key Stage 2 children	

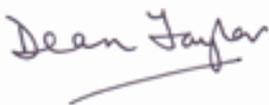
Please remember that children should not attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of covid-19 and that parents and carers should follow self-isolation guidance and book a test. Please notify us at school of any test results. The same procedures will be in place should a positive case be identified in school.

If a class has to self-isolate then online learning will apply including live Teams sessions.

All procedures to mitigate the spread from the Autumn term will still apply.

Thank you for your continued support as we move in to this next phase of operations. Our partnership approach to safety is paramount to keep all safe.

Yours sincerely,
Cofion cynnes,



Dean Taylor
Headteacher

