



Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear Parents,

Further to the minister's announcement regarding the full opening of schools in September, we have now received further guidance documentation from Welsh Government and RCT which will allow us to plan. We have a lot of details yet to finalise, however at the moment I am able to confirm the following:

- School will reopen on Thursday 3rd September. The 1st and 2nd September have been designated as planning days by RCT.
- In classes 2 – 7:
 - 50% of our pupils will attend on Thursday 3rd and 50% on Friday 4th for a full day. This will allow us to test our systems and risk assessments safely.
 - Your class teacher will inform you of which day your child should attend by Friday 17th July.
 - All pupils will return full time from Monday 7th September.
- In Class 1:
 - Children who were already in our pre-nursery class will return on Monday 14th September.
 - Children new to our Nursery will start on a phased entry beginning the week of 21st September, with the hope they will have all joined the class by Friday 25th September.
 - The class teacher will contact you with your child's start date by Friday 17th July
- Children will be taught in class 'bubbles', in the same class with their class teacher.
- There will still be a limit on what children can bring to school but classes 4-7 will need to bring their own pencil case. Further details will be included in the updated parent handbook available soon.
- For Classes 2-7 School dinners will resume and there will be a choice of a hot meal or 'grab and go' bag. Children can still bring a packed lunch if they wish to.
- For Class 1 children will need to bring a packed lunch. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a lunch.
- There will be no breakfast club provided initially (for **at least** the first 2 weeks)
- Start and finish times will be staggered between 8:30am and 3:00pm:
 - Class 4 and Class 5: drop off – 8:30am pick up – 2:30pm
 - Class 3 and Class 6: drop off – 8:45am pick up – 2:45pm
 - Class 2 and Class 7: drop off – 9:00am pick up – 3:00pm
 - Class 1: drop off – 9:15am pick up to be determined.
- Classes 1-4 will drop off and pick up at the Nursery Gate. Classes 5-7 will drop off and pick up at the middle gate.
- Drop off and pick up arrangements are the same as they are now, a 15 minute slot has been allocated to drop off and pick up in line with social distancing guidelines - these will be strictly adhered to.
- Parents are not allowed access to the school site without prior appointment.

This information is only the key points we thought would be useful initially. Further detailed guidance will be included in the updated parent handbook that will be produced shortly. Please make sure you have read all the document before we return in September.

Our main aim initially when the children return, is to continue to support their wellbeing and focus on key literacy and numeracy skills. We will carry on developing our 'blended' way of teaching to ensure all our children have the best opportunities for learning - both in school and at home. We will also continue to use 'Google Classroom' to support learning both in school and with homework. I will be sending out a questionnaire regarding the blended learning model at the end of the week and would value any feedback on this approach.

You probably have a lot of questions which we hope will be covered in the handbook. Thank you all for your support and engagement over the past few months. Staff will now break for the summer holidays and will be unable to access their emails until September 1st. Please direct any questions via email to emma.c.coates@rctcbc.gov.uk or via our social media platforms.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Mrs Coates, Head Teacher

Mrs Elphick, Deputy Head Teacher.