



YSGOL BANCFFOSFELEN

UPDATE ON SCHOOL

“Check in,Catch up and prepare for summer and September” sessions.

29/6/20

The purpose of this update is to provide information for parents/guardians of children in Ysgol Bancffosfelen on how the decision to re-open schools on Monday 29th June 2020 will be implemented in our School.

Many of the measures we have had to take are based on what is required of us by Welsh Government and the Local Authority. It has been necessary to interpret the guidance as it applies to our school both in terms of the layout of the school/space available to us and staffing levels.

A set of ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ have been prepared in an attempt to answer as many of the questions you may have as we can. If you have any additional questions which we have not thought of please let us know by emailing LangabeerM6@hwbcymru.net and we will look to issue a second update. The more we can answer in this way will help minimise the number of individual queries being made directly to the School which will enable us to focus all our efforts on the safe re-opening of the School in the interests of pupil and staff safety.

Dates / Times

On what date will the School re-open?	Monday 29 th June 2020
On what date will the School close for the summer holidays?	Friday 24 th July 2020
On what days will the school be open?	The school will be open from Monday to Wednesday.
What time will School start in the morning?	8:50am arrival for 9:00am start. Staggered start times will be given to parents.
What time will School end in	3:10pm finish

the afternoon?	
Will I be able to use breakfast club? If Yes, what time will breakfast club be open?	The Breakfast Club will NOT be available in any school.
Will there be an After School Club?	No.
What are the arrangements for September 2020?	It is unclear at the moment what the situation will be in September.

Arrangements for School drop offs and pick ups

Is there any change to how children will be dropped off at School in the morning?	<p>Only one parent/guardian will be able to drop off. Older pupils will be expected to walk in from the main gate independently.</p> <p>You are asked to respect social distancing principles at all times.</p> <p>Children will enter through main entrance. Parents of younger pupils can accompany them to the main entrance while adhering to social distancing.</p>
Is there any change to how children will be collected in the afternoon?	<p>Pupils will be led by their teachers to the gate entrance on the MAINROAD next to bus shelter. Only one parent/guardian will be able to collect children.</p> <p>You are asked to respect social distancing principles at all times.</p>

Providing care for children of key workers

If my child will be attending School for one day a week, will they be able to attend the 'Hub' for the remaining days?	Despite our low capacity, we will aim to ensure places for children that have attended Hubs from Monday to Wednesday 9am -3:10pm.
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School Meals/Drinks

Will School lunches be provided? If no, are we to send in a packed lunch?	<p>No school lunch will not be provided.</p> <p>Pupils will be expected to bring a packed lunch which includes food items with packaging they can open themselves. Pupils will eat their</p>
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	packed lunch in their classrooms or if weather permitting outside.
Will there be fruit to purchase for morning break?	No. Pupils can bring their own fruit in their lunch boxes to be eaten at morning break time.
Will a pupil be able to top up their water bottle with water from the fountain?	No. Pupils will need to bring in a full water bottle.
I am in credit on Parent Pay for school meals will this be refunded?	Overpayments have been credited. However, please check and pay any outstanding debts.

Break times

Is there any change to how breaks will be managed?	Breaks will be staggered. Pupils will need to follow social distancing rules.
What precautions will be in place during break times to ensure social distancing principles apply?	Each class will be allocated an outdoor area to play in. Staff will remind pupils of social distancing.

Social Distancing / Hygiene/ Toilet Facilities

What measures have been taken to ensure social distancing applies to classroom layouts?	Desks have been removed from classes leaving only the desks required for the allocated number of pupils in each class. These desks will be placed to ensure each pupil is socially isolated by 2 metres.
What arrangements are in place for regular hand washing / use of hand sanitiser?	There will be clear signage around the School on the importance of hand washing, hygiene and maintaining social distancing. An outside sink will be set up for pupils to wash their hands on entry to school.
Has the School been cleaned prior to the children returning?	Yes. The school has had a deep clean.
How often will the School be cleaned following the return of the children?	The School will be thoroughly cleaned every evening.
Will the children be using shared learning resources e.g. iPad, pens, whiteboards etc?	No each pupil will have their own equipment- pens, pencils, rules etc. After using digital devices- ipad, chrome book – they will be wiped down with wipes.

Pupil Numbers

How many children are there in the School?	46
How has it been determined how many children can	We can only accommodate 13 pupils in school on any given day. However, this will be confirmed

attend school on any given day of the week?	following a robust Health and Safety risk assessment of the social distancing principles which have to be maintained.
Which classrooms will be used during this period and how many desks/pupils are allowed in each of these rooms?	Art Room= 3 pupils Key Stage 2 classroom- 6pupls Foundation phase classroom – 4 pupils However, this is subject to change following a robust Health and Safety risk assessment visit of the school.
If my child is only likely to attend school one day a week I have problems with childcare. What are my options?	We will do our utmost to offer a care/hub sessions for pupils who have previously used Hubs. We will not be able to meet everybody's needs. These Hub/care sessions will run in parallel to the check in and catch up sessions and run from 9am to 3:10pm from Monday to Wednesday at Bancffosfelen School.
How many reception and Year 1 pupil children will be in School at any one time?	4 Foundation Phase pupils at any one time.
How many Key stage 2 pupils will be in School for check in and catch up sessions at any one time?	6 maximum
How many Foundation Phase pupils will be in School for check in and catch up at any one time?	On the advice of the Local Authority- Foundation Phase pupils will offered a half day sessions – morning or afternoon.
When and how will I be informed which day of the week my child will attend School?	You will receive a text message from the school's texting system.
I have more than one child in the School in different year groups is it possible for them to be scheduled to attend on the same day?	We will aim to arrange for siblings to attend on the same days where possible.

School Uniform / Bag

Will the children wear school uniform?	Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform. They will require to wear clean clothes each time they attend. Pupils are expected to wear clothes suitable to go outdoors in all weather- trainers, coat etc
Should my child bring a	No. All equipment required will be supplied. Each

school bag, pencil case etc?	pupil will have their own set of equipment which will be used only by them.
Should my child bring a PE kit to School?	No. Your child will need to wear suitable clothing for PE and outdoor lessons ever time they attend.

Lessons

What is the purpose of the 'Catch Up and Check In' sessions ?	Attending school for one or more sessions a week will be beneficial for all pupils as it will be an opportunity for them to meet their teacher and see their peers within their own school surroundings There will be a key focus on well-being during this time.
On the days my child is not in school will there still be work set on-line?	Yes but please be mindful that teachers will be teaching daily and unable to respond to pupils' e mails or queries.
Will my child be issued with reading books?	If your child requires new reading please let their class teacher know and they will be placed in main entrance for collection.
Should the reading books my child has at the moment be returned to School?	No not at the moment. Please keep safe for returning at a later date. However, during the last week of Summer term a box will be placed in the main entrance for Year 6 to return their reading books, musical instruments- brass and recorders etc
If the weather is favourable will some lessons be outside?	Yes. Pupils will spend time out doors as this is considered to be a lower risk environment. Suitable clothing will be required – trainers, waterproof coat etc
What is happening to musical instrument lessons? Will these continue?	At present we are not sure as all staff were redeployed to other roles. As soon as we know we will inform you.

Attendance

Will I be fined for not sending my child back to school for the catch up and prepare for summer and September sessions?	Parents will not be fined or penalised for not sending their child to school during the last 4 weeks of term. We respect each individual family's decision during the period 29th June to 24th July.
I've changed my mind and I no longer intend for my child	Yes please. Just e mail:

to come in to School for check in and catch up sessions. Do I need to let you know?	LangabeerM6@hwbcymru.net Noting name and year and that they are not attending check in and catch up sessions.
What if my child develops symptoms of COVID-19 during school hours? What steps will be taken?	If a child shows signs of Covid 19 they will be placed in an isolation room. We will then telephone you. All other pupils in the class will be moved to the hall while the classroom has a deep clean.
If my child is unable to attend school on a day when they have been allocated to attend what should I do?	Please let us now by e mailing: LangabeerM6@hwbcymru.net

Feedback on pupil progress

Will there be an end of year school report produced this year?	You will receive an end of year school report on your child's progress This will include attendance up to 20 th March.
I have concerns about how my child has been managing with the on-line learning, how can I discuss this with the Teacher?	Please email; LangabeerM6@hwbcymru.net and your child's teacher will telephone you to discuss your concerns and ways forward.

Planning for the re-opening for check in and catch up sessions is a continuous process. The situation is being continually reviewed in light of any new guidance which is emerging. This set of FAQs is accurate as at June 15th and is subject to change in the event that the current guidance we are working to changes in any way. Parents will be kept informed via the school's Web page and Twitter accounts.

Please refer to the Carmarthenshire 'Frequently Asked Questions' pages which may be able to support you with your queries:
www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education. Alternatively, please contact us so that we can reassure you in relation to the measures we have put in place.

Please be assured that, as a school team, we will do our utmost to make your child's return to school as safe and as enjoyable as possible.

Thank you for your support and patience in this matter. We will endeavour to keep you involved and informed throughout the process.

Ysgol Bancffosfelen School Governors