

Ysgol Bancffosfelen School
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Welcome back to Ysgol Bancffosfelen School!

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all safe and well.

At the end of the three weeks following the re-opening of the school, I would like to thank you for your co-operation. Thank you also for remembering to complete the daily form, which confirms your child's health.

It was good to see a number of pupils returning, many of whom were obviously pleased to see the teachers and their friends. I would like to commend everyone for following the arrangements for their mutual benefit and their behaviour as usual was excellent.

We have now received guidance from the Welsh Government, and we are busy planning for re-opening Bancffosfelen School for September and welcoming your child back to school. Please see below the timetable for a staggered return to school. Our aim is to get all pupils back to Bancffosfelen School by Monday September 7th

| Date | Pupils to return to school: |
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| September 1st and 2nd | Planning and preparation days |
| Thursday 3rd | New pupils Reception Year 3 Year 5 |
| Friday 4th | New pupils Reception Year 1 Year 3 Year 5 Year 6 |
| Monday 7th | All Pupils return to school |

Pupils will be in class groups/bubbles, within their allocated classroom. They will remain in this classroom and group/bubble for the whole school session, or they may be involved in outdoor activities with the same group.

Social Distancing:

We kindly request that you respect this when dropping off and collecting your child, as we need to take every measure to minimise people gathering outside the school and a clearly marked one way system has been introduced. Social distancing signage around the school will help to remind everyone of these expectations. Also staggered pick up times will be introduced. If you have more than one child in school please pick up all children at the time you pick up the younger sibling.

Starting times:

Foundation Phase: 8:45 am

Key Stage 2: 8:50am

Picking up times:

Foundation Phase- 3:10pm

Key Stage 2 – 3:20pm

Please telephone if you need to contact the school for any reason. For everyone's safety, visitors to school will be strictly monitored and will only be permitted for essential/emergency reasons.

Hand Washing:

Pupils and staff will be required to wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day. Correct hand washing will be modelled and supervised by staff, in an age appropriate manner. In addition, dedicated hand sanitising stations will be available around school.

Cleaning:

Cleaning regimes will be significantly enhanced, with regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, door handles, toilets etc.

Clothing/uniform/personal possessions:

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform. Younger pupils where necessary, can bring in a change of clothes in a plastic bag. **A waterproof coat will be required daily as out door activities will be timetabled daily, in all weather.**

No bags, but pupils are welcome to bring in a small pencil case which will **be kept** at school. Reading books need to be kept in a plastic wallet marked clearly with your child's name. Please **do not send in unnecessary items** from home

PE Lessons:

On days when pupils have physical education lessons please ensure that they attend in their PE kit (navy bottoms, plain white t-shirt, school jumper and trainers) Pupils will not be able to change clothes during the day.

Food and drink:

The school kitchen will re-open on September the 14th to serve meals. The cost of school meals will increase from £2.50 to £2.55. Therefore, **all pupils will need to bring in their own packed lunch, snacks and full water bottle until the 14th (this includes FSM learners, as payment goes to families directly now).**

Breakfast Club

A limited breakfast Club will open on September the 14th. We will update you as soon as we have more information.

Symptomatic Pupils:

If a pupil shows symptoms of Covid-19 whilst in school, there will be an isolation room made available for them. Parents will be contacted and expected to collect their child from school immediately and the headteacher will report details to Delta Wellbeing. All areas where this person has been will be identified and a thorough clean down will occur prior to reoccupation, in line with Welsh Government guidance. **Delta Wellbeing may contact them to provide advice on any further action required (e.g. Pupil Testing).** ^[L]_[SEP]

If your child becomes symptomatic out of school hours:

It is vital that no child is sent to school if they feel unwell; have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell); or if they, or a member of the household, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

During **out of school hours if your child shows symptoms of Covid 19** it is the responsibility of parents/guardians and staff members to **immediately** report **Covid-19 symptoms** to Delta Wellbeing by calling **0300 333 2222** or emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk

Risk Assessment:

The school will be adhering to the Carmarthenshire County Council Risk Assessment Policy, in conjunction with the Welsh Government Guidance:

<https://gov.wales/keep-education-safe-operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-covid-19>

We will make every effort to mitigate and reduce risks as far as possible within our school setting. Measures will include frequent opportunities to wash hands, strictly limiting visitors to the school site, social distancing and a stringent cleaning rota. WG guidance does not require the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) at this time by either staff or pupils, other than in cases where social distancing is compromised, eg. first aid, assistance with toileting and where bespoke packages of care and support dictate this is necessary.

The school retains the right to review its provision in line with statutory guidance and make amendments to its Risk Assessment Policy when and where necessary.

Please be assured that as a school team, we will do our utmost to make your child's introduction back to school as safe and as enjoyable as possible. However, if you have any questions or queries please email me.

Thank you for your continued support and patience in this matter.

Have a lovely Summer break.

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Marie Langabeer