



Ysgol Gymunedol Bancffosfelen

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience and co-operation during these challenging times. Thank you for supporting your child/children with their activities to ensure that they continue to learn at this difficult time.

Following the announcement made by the Minister of Education for Wales Kirsty Williams, to open schools from February 22nd initially only for the pupils of the Foundation Phase, we are busy ensuring that our strategies meet the legal requirements for health and safety, during this time.

Initially we intend to stagger the return of the pupils to the Foundation Phase. There will be a clear focus on your child's wellbeing during these sessions. It will be an opportunity for them to meet with their teacher and see their peers within the surroundings of their own school. If you decide not to send your child back to school you will not be penalised or fined. We respect each family's personal decision during these challenging times. The Foundation Phase will be placed into two bubbles to reduce contact.

Bubble 1 :- Year 1 and Year 2

Bubble 2 :- Reception and new pupils

Timetable for opening

Day	
Monday February 22 nd	Year 2 and new pupils
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 2 and new pupils
Wednesday 24 th	Year 1, Year 2 and new pupils
Thursday 25 th	Year 1, Year 2 and new pupils
Friday February 26 th	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 = All pupils in the Foundation Phase

The following measures will be in place :-

- The school will be thoroughly cleaned each day.
- There will be clear signage around the school on the importance of hand washing, hygiene and maintaining social distancing.
- Only one parent/guardian will be allowed to drop off / pick up a child.
- Parents/guardians must wear a face mask and not congregate or loiter on school grounds.
- There will be a one way system to enter and exit the school.

No food will be served on the school premises. Your child will be required to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle to school each day. **Please ensure that your child is capable of opening each item in the lunchbox as staff are unable to help. Pupils will be required to wear school uniform. P.E. kit of navy leggings, white T shirt and school jumper will need to be worn on a Thursday.**

We will endeavour to ensure a place at school for the children of key workers in Key Stage 2 and extremely vulnerable children, e-mail LangabeerM6@hwbcymru.net if you require the link to book a slot. The school will contact you to confirm your place if successful. Please remember that the only staff available to supervise are the teachers from Key Stage 2, therefore they will not be able to continue with the quantity and attention to on-line learning as previously experienced. Provision will be the usual school day – 9:00 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. We have attempted to be fair with everyone. Breakfast club will be available from 8:15 a.m.

There will be a staggered start and finish to the day :-

	Start time	Finish time
Reception Class	8:55 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Year 1 and Year 2	8:45 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

Each child who attends school will benefit from meeting with their teacher and fellow pupils within the school environment. Attending the school will prepare your child for what will be the 'new normal.' However, this is parental choice and we will respect your decision and endeavour to continue with the support of your child's wellbeing and learning.

It is very important to remember that a return to school is not a return to normal life and children **should not be mixing outside of the classroom environment.**

Please be aware that each school is different and therefore will have precautionary measures in place to suit the needs and requirements of each school site. Our aim is to continue to work collaboratively to ensure that returning to school will be pleasant and as safe as possible for all.

These instructions may be liable to change and if we receive more information we will share it with you.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Marie Langabeer