

Return to School “Check-in, Catch-up, Prepare”

Monday 29th June – Friday 24th July

Timetables and Organisation

Reception – Year 6

Classes have been divided up into 4 alphabetical groups, (A, B, C and D) which will enable siblings to attend on the same day (you will receive a text tomorrow with your child’s allocated group). **PLEASE NOTE: children will not be able to swap groups or allocated days**

3 weeks commencing June 29 th (subject to ongoing Welsh Government guidance)	
Monday (29.6, 6.7, 13.7)	Pupil Group A
Tuesday (30.6, 7.7, 14.7)	Pupil Group B
Wednesday (1.7, 8.7, 15.7)	Focused cleaning day, teacher preparation day
Thursday (2.7, 9.7, 16.7)	Pupil Group C
Friday (3.7, 10.7, 17.7)	Pupil Group D

Learning Resource Base

Children in the LRBs will be given individual days and times by Mrs Loizos. We will be in touch soon.

Nursery

Nursery children will attend during the week commencing July 20th. Each session will be an hour. Further information regarding arrangements for this week will be sent nearer the time.

Session Times

In order to maintain the safest environment as possible, the school will be open between 9.00am and 12.30pm

Emergency Childcare Hub

Hub provision for the children of keyworkers will continue. Separate communication will be made to those who completed the parent survey last week.

Attendance

Attendance for all children is voluntary. The Welsh Government have confirmed that there will be no penalties if you choose not to send your child to school. Distance learning will continue for all children.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

There will be no Breakfast Club or After School clubs during these 4 weeks. This may also be the case in September too.

Drop-off and Collection

- Access to school will be between 9.00 and 9.30 and 12.00 and 12.30 to and from the children's usual classroom doors
- Please follow the one-way system (as detailed on the attached map)
- There will be no access via the main reception
- Please observe the 2m social distance rule and do not congregate or linger on site
- There will be no access onto the school site for any vehicles

Health & Safety Procedures

Cleaning

Our school cleaners will continue with their daily cleaning routines, every afternoon once school finishes. During the day there will be regular cleaning of surfaces, door handles and other high contact areas. Toilets will be cleaned once a day and the school will be closed every Wednesday for a focussed clean.

Hand Washing

Hand washing facilities will be available in every classroom. Children will wash their hands on arrival and regularly throughout the day.

Sickness Identification and Collection

Our usual procedures will apply if a child feels unwell and we feel they should go home. Anyone showing COVID symptoms will be kept separate (in a designated classroom) until they can be collected and taken home. In the event of anyone showing symptoms, Welsh Government and Public Health Wales guidance MUST be followed.

PPE

No PPE is required when undertaking routine educational activities in the classroom or school settings. However, PPE will be available to staff when undertaking emergency first aid. PPE will be worn in the event of any pupil showing symptoms, whilst waiting with them to be collected.

The chief medical officer has been clear that there is no evidence to support the widespread wearing of non-medical face coverings in the community. Non-medical face coverings are recommended where social distancing cannot be maintained. They are not a replacement for the far more effective measures of social distancing and hand hygiene.

Signage

There will be signs, posters and reminders around our school reminding those accessing the site to adhere to the social distancing rules and good hand hygiene. There will also be clear markings and staff available to help those dropping off and collecting their children.

Social Distancing

With social distancing measures still very much in place, arrangements have been made in school to help children and staff stay at a safe distance.

Adult to Adult

All adults accessing our school site are expected to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule. Please support us in doing this and modelling it for our children.

Adult to child

There will be social distancing where appropriate, for example all classrooms have been arranged that everyone will be spaced 2m apart. However, as we have responsibility for children, adults may need to come within the 2m rule to support and care for children, depending on individual needs.

Child to Child

Teachers will regularly remind and reinforce the importance of social distancing with pupils. However, we cannot guarantee that your child will not come into closer contact with others. We fully understand your concerns regarding the safety of your child, but it is important that we are realistic about the prospect of younger children maintaining social distancing.

Welsh Government guidance states: *"It is not practicable to expect learners to maintain consistent social distancing of two metres. Staff should however, work to ensure some distancing between learners. This is based on medical advice and evidence which suggests that the risk of infection and transmission for children is likely to be lower. Practitioners should recognise that younger learners will not be able to maintain social distancing at all times."*

Wellbeing and Safeguarding

Children's Wellbeing

We understand that many children will be feeling anxious regarding returning to school. During the week commencing Monday 22nd June, class teachers will post a short video message, from their classroom to help reassure them.

There is lots of wellbeing support information on the school website, including help to prepare your child for a return to school.

<https://www.rogerstoneprimary.com/page/?title=Wellbeing+Support&pid=91>

Safeguarding Procedures

Children will have encountered different experiences and home environments during lockdown and all staff are aware of their safeguarding duties. Mrs Dunn is the school's Designated Safeguarding Person and she will continue to work closely between school and home to ensure every child and family have the support needed.

Daily School Routines

Uniform

Children are welcome to wear school uniform, although we do understand that many may well have outgrown theirs over the past few months. PE/Sports kit would be recommended, as the children will be spending a lot of time outside. Please can you ensure that appropriate clothing is worn to school that will not compromise safety i.e. no flip-flops, no sliders and no vest tops. We do not want parents to buy new uniform for this short period.

Movement around the School

- Movement within the school will be kept to a minimum
- There will be no large gatherings, e.g. assemblies
- Use of the toilets will be carefully managed

Classroom Resources

- Children will be in a class of no more than 10 children
- Each child will have a table and chair of their own
- Each group will have a teacher in the classroom
- The children will stay with the same group, the same adult and the same classroom each time they come to school
- The children will need to bring in their own pen, pencil, colours*
- Children are welcome to bring in their own devices* to access the distant learning resources. Teachers will display the distant learning material on the classroom screens.

Food and Drink

- The children will need to bring in their own water bottles FOR WATER ONLY (which they can refill in school)
- The children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack*

***these are not to be shared with others**

Learning

In School

- Children will undertake the distant learning tasks that the class teacher has been providing (if your child has been completing activities in a book, please could they bring it with them. If your child requires a book to complete tasks, we will provide them with one)
- There will be no formal teaching at this stage
- The focus will be on the wellbeing of the children
- We will be supporting children's readiness for learning and focussing on their next steps for the autumn term
- There will be regular breaks and activities undertaken outside

At Home

Teachers will continue to provide distant learning activities for the remainder of the summer term. These are evolving to ensure there is a blend of “in school” and “out of school” learning. By coming to school during these last 4 weeks, the children will be able to “catch-up” with their teacher on the learning they have been undertaking at home.

Communication

School Office

This will remain closed to visitors. Arrangements are being made for parents to access and each year group via email for contacting the class teachers and the office. This will be communicated to you in due course.

Updates

The school website will continue to provide updates as and when appropriate. Texts will be sent when there is a new update available.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency school closure, we will contact all parents via text.

Transport Communication

Newport City Council have confirmed that: *‘The local authority is working with passenger transport providers to develop safe transport for a prioritised group of pupils with complex needs and disabilities who cannot find alternative methods of transport. Due to unprecedented Covid related issues mainstream pupil transport will not be available when schools partially re-open on June 29th’. The local authority is working to secure safe pupil transport for September and will notify schools and parents when there is more information’.*