

## Return to School February Term 2021

### *Timetables and Organisation*

#### **February**

Mainstream and LRB Foundation phase pupils will return to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Essential worker hub provision will continue for those who have already registered. (Essential workers who may need this provision from the 22.02.21 will need to email [distantlearning@rogerstoneprimaryschool.com](mailto:distantlearning@rogerstoneprimaryschool.com) and make a request). Other than the requirement to wear school uniform, hub arrangements remain unchanged (please see the confirmation letter you received when registering).

#### **Session Times**

The school will be open for full days (please see staggered drop off and collection times below)

#### **Attendance**

The updated guidance from the Welsh Government, states that “... where a parent or carer wishes for their child to be absent, we expect schools to authorise the absence during this time. Absence will not be penalised.” However, please note that the school will only be able to provide home learning for those children who are unable to attend school due to self-isolation or shielding.

#### **Breakfast Club and After School Clubs**

Breakfast club will operate from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March for those parents who have already registered their foundation phase children or KS2 children who will be accessing hub provision.

Breakfast club will be via the usual entrance – please do not drive your car onto the site and follow the pedestrian one-way system.

There will be no after school clubs until further notice.

#### **Transport**

Home to school transport will run from Afon Village at the usual times. This is available to those Foundation Phase children and KS2 children who will be accessing the hub who have the relevant bus passes.

The staggered drop-off and collection times will not affect the running of the buses. Those children who will be using buses will be escorted from the bus on arrival by a member of staff and taken to their classrooms, via the one-way system. At the end of the day, children who use the bus will be collected by a member of staff from their class and escorted to the buses around the one-way system.

Taxis for LRB pupils will be dropping off and collection at the usual times i.e. 8.40am and 2.50pm.

## Drop-off and Collection

The one-way system will continue. To avoid queues and everyone arriving at once, entry and exit times will be staggered. Please do not arrive before the gates open.

	<b>Drop off (gates open 8.35 gates close 9.30)</b>	<b>Collection (gates open 2.45)</b>
<b>Reception</b>	8.40-8.50	2.50-3.00
<b>Year 1</b>	9.00-9.10	3.10-3.20
<b>Year 2</b>	9.10-9.20	3.20-3.30
<b>Nursery</b>	8.45 (11.15 collection)	3.30 (1.00 drop off)
<b>LRBs</b>	8.40 (main reception)	2.40 (main reception)

- There will be no access via the main reception
- Please observe the 2m social distance rule and do not congregate or linger on site
- All adults **MUST** wear a face covering when coming onto the school site
- Vehicles with blue badges can access the site between 9.00am and 9.15am and 3.00pm and 3.15pm **ONLY** please (this allows avoiding busy taxi, bus and pedestrian times)
- For families with siblings in different year groups, to avoid waiting, you will be able to drop off/collect your children earlier than specified (no earlier than 8.50 please)

## Class Teachers

	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Support Staff</b>
<b>N</b>	Mrs Barry (Mon, Tue) Mrs Birch (Wed, Thu, Fri)	Miss Coleman Mrs Davies
<b>R</b>	Mrs Morgan Mrs Boladz	Mrs Turner, Mrs Francis Mr Lawrence, Miss Ball, Mrs Ally
<b>Y1</b>	Miss Smith Miss Courtney	Miss Barrett, Mr Waite Mrs Wright, Mrs O'Brian
<b>Y2</b>	Miss Derraven Miss Pugh (Mon Tue, Wed Mrs Davies (Thu, Fri)	Mrs Mitchell Mrs Osland
<b>LRB1&amp;3</b>	Mrs Loizos	Mrs Thewlis, Mrs Spink, Mrs Micallef, Mrs A Thomas, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Bown, Miss Hooper, Mrs H Thomas

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*Health & Safety Procedures*

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## **Cleaning**

Our school cleaners will continue with their daily cleaning routines, once school finishes. During the day there will be regular cleaning of surfaces, door handles and other high contact areas. Toilets will be checked regularly and thoroughly cleaned once a day.

## **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 room) 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.

Please do not send your child(ren) to school if they are showing symptoms i.e. dry cough, high temperature or loss of taste or and smell. Please notify the office of their absence in the usual way.

## **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 or any intimate care of a pupil. PPE will be worn in the event of any pupil showing symptoms, whilst waiting with them to be collected.

## **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.

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## *Social Distancing*

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The Welsh Government have recognised that social distancing for younger learners is very challenging, the *emphasis being on separating groups*. The advice is: *The overarching principle to apply in any school and setting is reducing the number of contacts between children and staff, as well as between staff and keeping contact groups separate*.

Our contact groups will be year group based (maximum 60 children in any one group). The children will be encouraged to socially distance whilst outside during their time on the yard with their year group peers.

## **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. All staff will be wearing face coverings when moving around the inside of the school building.

## **Adult to child**

As we have responsibility for children, adults may need to come within the 2 metres to support and care for children, depending on individual needs. Some staff may choose to wear a visor or face mask if working with children within 2 metres.

## **Child to Child**

Teachers will regularly remind and reinforce the importance of social distancing with pupils.

WG guidance states: *“We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group, the important measure here is to maintain and not mix the contact group.”*

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## *Wellbeing and Safeguarding*

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### **Children’s Wellbeing**

We understand that many children may be feeling anxious regarding returning to school. Teachers will talk to the children about their return to school during their live session this week and reassure them.

There is lots of wellbeing support information on the school website:

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

### **Safeguarding Procedures**

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.

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## *Daily School Routines – Foundation Phase*

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### **Uniform**

Children are to wear school uniform.

## **Movement around the School**

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

## **Classroom Resources**

- Children will be in their class of normal size (i.e. max 30)
- Foundation phase children will only have access to resources that can be cleaned or quarantined at the end of every day
- In addition to the class teacher, children will be taught by other adults within their contact
- Children's own devices or pencil cases from home are not required

## **Food and Drink**

- Hot meals from the canteen will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> March and ordered in the usual way at home through ParentPay
- Children will need to bring in a packed lunch for the first week back
- FSM families will continue to receive a voucher for the first week back
- Children can 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\* (there will be no fruit trolley until further notice)

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

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## *Learning – Foundation Phase*

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### **In School**

- The initial focus will be on the wellbeing of the children and settling them back into their learning routines.
- Children will be reintroduced to the learning they have been used to prior to lockdown
- There will be a focus on basic skills for foundation phase children (literacy and numeracy)
- There will be regular breaks and activities undertaken outside
- The children will not require PE kit. They will undertake healthy activities and can wear trainers on the days required – class teachers will inform you when.

### **At Home**

Home learning, as delivered during lockdown, has now ceased for foundation phase children. "Homework" activities will start again for foundation phase children on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

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## *Communication*

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## School Office

This will remain closed to visitors. Parents can contact the office or the class teacher using the year group emails:

[year6@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:year6@rogerstoneprimary.com)  
[year5@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:year5@rogerstoneprimary.com)  
[year4@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:year4@rogerstoneprimary.com)  
[year3@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:year3@rogerstoneprimary.com)  
[year2@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:year2@rogerstoneprimary.com)  
[year1@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:year1@rogerstoneprimary.com)  
[rec@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:rec@rogerstoneprimary.com) (reception)  
[nur@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:nur@rogerstoneprimary.com) (nursery)  
[LRB@rogerstoneprimary.com](mailto:LRB@rogerstoneprimary.com)

These emails will be checked daily. Mon-Fri by the class teachers

## 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.

**February 2021**