

Return to School March 2021

Timetables and Organisation

March

Key Stage 2 pupils will return to school on Monday 15th March.

The last day of essential worker hub provision will be on Friday 12th March.

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 1st March for those parents who have already registered.

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 children 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.

	Drop off (gates open 8.35 gates close 9.30)	Collection (gates open 2.45)
Year 6 and Reception	8.40-8.50	2.50-3.00
Year 5	8.50-9.00	3.00-3.10
Year 4 and Year 1	9.00-9.10	3.10-3.20
Year 3 and Year 2	9.10-9.20	3.20-3.30
Nursery	8.45 (11.15 collection)	3.30 (1.00 drop off)
LRBs	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

	Teacher	Support Staff
N	Mrs Barry (Mon, Tue) Mrs Birch (Wed, Thu, Fri)	Miss Coleman Mrs Davies
R	Mrs Morgan Mrs Boladz	Mrs Turner, Mrs Francis Mr Lawrence, Miss Ball, Mrs Ally
Y1	Miss Smith Miss Courtney	Miss Barrett, Mr Waite Mrs Wright, Mrs O'Brian
Y2	Miss Derraven Miss Pugh (Mon Tue, Wed Mrs Davies (Thu, Fri)	Mrs Mitchell Mrs Osland
Y3	Mr Rees Miss Cook	Mrs Lewis Mrs Hobbs
Y4	Miss John Miss Parsons	
Y5	Miss McAlister (Mon, Tue Wed) Mrs Williams (Thu, Fri) Mrs Lewis Mrs Beckett	Mrs Whitaker
Y6	Miss Gale Miss Burden	Mrs Levesconte
LRB1	Mrs Loizos	Mrs Thewlis, Mrs Spink, Mrs Micallef,
LRB2	Miss Cooper	Miss Nix, Miss Obrien
LRB3	Mrs Blackmore	Mrs A Thomas, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Bown, Miss Hooper, Mrs H Thomas

Health & Safety Procedures

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.

Social Distancing

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."*

Wellbeing and Safeguarding

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.

Daily School Routines

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 group
- Children's own devices or pencil cases from home are not required

Food and Drink

- Hot meals from the canteen will be available and ordered in the usual way at home through ParentPay
- 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**

Learning – KS2

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 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. "Homework" activities will start again for KS2 children after Easter.

Communication

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
year5@rogerstoneprimary.com
year4@rogerstoneprimary.com
year3@rogerstoneprimary.com
year2@rogerstoneprimary.com
year1@rogerstoneprimary.com
rec@rogerstoneprimary.com (reception)
nur@rogerstoneprimary.com (nursery)
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.

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