



September 7th 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter of the 6th September, I can now provide you with details of further changes to our operations in school.

At the end of August, Welsh Government published the updated guidance for schools 'LocalCOVID-19 infection control decision framework for schools from Autumn 2021'. This guidance sets out arrangements for the delivery of learning in schools enabling us to tailor interventions to reflect local risks and circumstances. The guiding principles balance the benefits and harm to both children and staff and have been used to update our risk assessment.

The Welsh Government state that *we are currently operating at alert level zero. This means that the overall risk level for Wales is determined as low. The overall risk level for Wales will continue to be determined nationally by Welsh Government*

The changes to our operations are as follows:

Breakfast Club

On Monday September 13th, breakfast club will return to normal capacity. All those families who completed and returned a breakfast club application form in the summer term have a place. Any further applications received from this point forward will be placed on a waiting list.

Breakfast club door will open at 7.45am and close at 8.30am*. To cover the costs of additional staffing, if your child(ren) arrives before 8.15am there will a £1 per head charge. This will be added to your ParentPay account at the end of each week.

To reduce the risk of transmission in breakfast club, all children will sit at tables in their year groups.

*Please do not drive onto the school site when dropping off.

Start and Finish Times

From Monday 20th September, we will return to our normal start and finish times – there will be no more staggered starts or finishes – with a 15 minute window in the morning to drop off and a 10 minute window in the afternoon to collect:

Rec – Y6	Class doors open	Class doors close
Morning	8.45am	9.00am
Afternoon	3.10pm	3.20pm

LRBs	Front entrance entry	Front entrance exit
Morning	8.40am	

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Afternoon		2.50pm
Nursery	Start	Finish
Morning session	8.45am	11.15am
Afternoon session	1.00pm	3.30pm

Please be mindful that the return to the normal school start and end times will increase the volume of people on the school site. We encourage all adults to maintain physical distance and wear face coverings when on the school site, unless you are exempt for medical reasons.

We will continue to use the one-way system around the outside of the school building.

Timings and arrangements for home to school transport remain unchanged. 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.

Vehicles with blue badges can access the site between **8.50am and 9.00am** and **3.05pm and 3.15pm** ONLY please (this allows avoiding busy taxi, bus and pedestrian times)

Contact Groups

During the school day, we will continue to operate with year group contact groups, with staggered breaktimes and lunchtimes and no large gatherings e.g. assemblies. This is only to limit the number of contacts the children have during the day.

As previously communicated in my letter of the 06.09.21, Test trace and Protect (TTP) will make contact with anyone who has a positive PCR test for COVID-19, or anyone identified as a close contact.

Any further changes to our operations will be reviewed in line with any Welsh Government announcement and/or their determination of the national level of risk.

Your continued cooperation and understanding is very much appreciated and please be assured, all the decisions we make are after very careful consideration, ensuring we continue to provide a safe and effective learning environment for your children.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Rayer'.

**Steve Rayer
Headteacher**