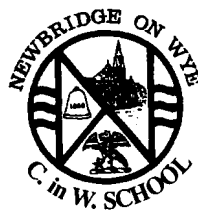


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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you our plans for the phased reopening of schools on Monday June 29th 2020.

The Minister for Education in Wales, Kirsty Williams, announced on 3rd June 2020 that all children would have the opportunity to 'Check in, Catch up and Prepare for Summer and September'. We have now received and worked through the guidance in order to plan how this reopening will look and work for our families here in Newbridge-on-Wye.

We would like to thank all families that took the time to complete the survey from the Local Authority and appreciate that for some, returning to school is not an option for them at this time. Pupils who are in receipt of a shielding letter due to their medical vulnerability or who live in a household with someone who is in receipt of a shielding letter should not return to school. We will continue to support all our pupils, whether they will be returning or not, through our online platforms over the 4 week reopening period and into September should this be required. If you responded with 'unsure' in the survey and have since come to a decision, please contact the school via email as soon as possible so that we have an accurate understanding of who will or will not be returning.

This is an anxious time for everyone and our staff will endeavour to ensure that the transition back into school will be as smooth as possible but we do need families to understand that we are far from returning to our known normal. School will be very different and we will need your support in preparing children for the coming weeks. Staff will be sharing materials through Seesaw and Google Classrooms to support this transition and the main focus of the sessions in school will be 'Wellbeing'. Please do contact your child's class teacher through either Seesaw or Google Classrooms should you have any specific concerns you have regarding this.

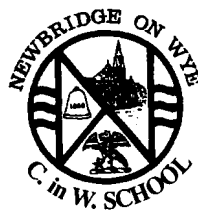
Please see below our plans for reopening outlined. These plans have been put together using the National and Local Authority Guidance and Risk Assessment tools and have pupil and staff safety at the heart of them. The timetable for returning aims to ensure the risk of transmission is kept to a minimum. Different year groups will be invited to attend on different days and children in these year groups will be split into 'bubbles' of no more than 8 children with 2 staff members. Class 'bubbles' will be based in different classrooms with access to hand washing and toilet facilities and a separate yard space for outdoor sessions and break and lunch times. Drop off and pick up times will be at 5 minute intervals commencing at 9am. Each parent will be allocated a drop off and pick up time and location via a text message 1 day in advance (Front or Rear Yard dependent on 'bubble' – 1 'bubble' will use Dosbarth Bedwen and the other Dosbarth Ceiriosen) where a staff member will greet or release the child. All children will need to bring a packed lunch with them; where possible lunch will be served outdoors with 'bubbles' using the front or rear yard depending on the room they are based in. A proposed timetable for the day is included as an attachment.

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Class 'bubble' Timetable (also available as a PDF attachment)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 WB 29 th June 2020	Year 6 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 5 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 4 children split into 1 'bubble' Year 2 children split into 1 'bubble' each year group bubble will be accessing a different classroom.	Year 1 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Reception children split into 2 'bubbles' with one bubble attending a morning session and the other an afternoon session.
Week 2 WB 6 th July 2020	Year 6 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 5 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 4 children split into 1 'bubble' Year 2 children split into 1 'bubble' each year group bubble will be accessing a different classroom.	Year 3 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Reception children split into 2 'bubbles' with one bubble attending a morning session and the other an afternoon session.
Week 3 WB 13 th July 2020	Year 6 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 5 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 1 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 3 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Reception children split into 2 'bubbles' with one bubble attending a morning session and the other an afternoon session.
Week 4 WB 20 th July 2020	Year 6 Socially Distanced 'Leavers Activity'	Year 1 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Year 4 children split into 1 'bubble' Year 2 children split into 1 'bubble' each year group bubble will be accessing a different classroom.	Year 3 children split into 2 'bubbles' each accessing a different classroom.	Settling in session for Three Year Setting children. Split into 2 'bubbles' with one bubble attending a morning session and the other an afternoon session.

Alongside the 'class timetable', hub provision will continue to run for children of key workers and vulnerable learners. In order to access the 'Hub provision' parents will have needed to have been registered within this system since May. In order to keep risks manageable children will not be able to move between the hub group and a class group, but what we will ensure is that each child accessing the hub will also have the opportunity to 'Check in and Catch Up' with their class teachers and be a part of class 'Team' meetings. Children who access the Hub at the time of reopening will not be able to access the class bubbles or split their time between the two systems, this will be reviewed and we will continue to keep in regular contact with you regarding this. The 'Hub' will be open from 8:30 until 16:30 Monday to Friday run by school staff each day and will be based in the School Hall. The provision will be accessed through the current booking system and children should continue to arrive through the main school entrance and follow existing procedures.

We hope this letter outlines clearly to you our plans for the reopening on Monday June 29th. We look forward to welcoming many children back into school and adjusting to what will become our new normal. Any questions, please email the school office.

Kind Regards,

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