



Ysgol Y Bynea

We Have Missed You!



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Welcome Back!



Return to School Update

June 2020

We are so excited to see you!

We will make every effort to mitigate and reduce risks as far as possible within our school setting. Measures will include frequent opportunities to wash hands, strictly limiting numbers of pupils and adults on the school site, social distancing and a stringent cleaning rota. WG guidance does not require the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) at this time

We will:

- Nurture and support the health and wellbeing of our children as our first priority, especially those who are feeling anxious
- Encourage children to communicate their feelings through positive conversations.
- Ensure that children have time, space and structured activities to re-form relationships with other learners and staff
- Support children to understand and observe hygiene and social distancing requirements. **Expectations will be reasonable, applied sensitively** and support their well being
- Children will have the opportunity to play and socialise through structured and un-structured activities
- Check in with learners and support them in their preparedness for learning and next steps as appropriate
- Focus on the needs of individual learners



What a return to school will look like at Ysgol Y Bynea

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope that you are all safe and well. We would like to thank you for keeping in touch with us during this challenging time and for your involvement in, and support of, your child's learning.

I would like to start by saying that the staff at Bynea are excited to welcome your children back to school after such an unusual and difficult time. For some people this pandemic has been a lonely, worrying time while others have been able to enjoy quality time at a slower pace and some have worked non-stop throughout; everyone's experiences have been different. Whatever your experience, your children will have had totally different experiences to what they normally know. They will have seen and heard things on the television, social media and on newspapers that might be worrying them. They have not seen their friends or family for a long time other than on facetime apps and will be craving the normality of school.

In line with Welsh Government re-opening of schools, we will be offering HUB (emergency childcare), 'Check-in, Catch-up Progress' checks and Home Learning resources online. Due to the size of our school building, 2m and an admission number of 31 pupils-with five of those places required for Flying Start. This has been a logistical nightmare as without confirmation for both HUB and school places, reduced staffing and such small classrooms it has been almost impossible to plan for.

HOWEVER...

All requests for HUB places have been accommodated and the remaining room spread fairly from Nursery to Year Six. Every child will have either a morning or afternoon session once a week for the three remaining weeks. Children will be in different rooms to their usual classroom as there are 3 HUB rooms and Year 1/2 and 4/5 classrooms are check-in spaces. This might seem a waste of time coming to school for but we assure you that your child will be given a quality experience, with social distancing adhered to and an opportunity to see some of their friends. It has been impossible to have siblings in at the same time as after much deliberation we felt that seeing friends and their own teacher was more important. Having tried every option possible this plan is the best we can do! Unfortunately, for any child that has a HUB place we are unable to give them additional 'Check-in, Catch-up' time slots as space is so limited, I hope you understand our position on this and will work with us to ensure your child's/ children's return to school will be as much fun as possible. Things will look and feel different but we aim to make it as much of an adventure as possible.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Tania Morgan

HUB PROVISION

HUB Provision: Our school will continue to support pupils who are currently accessing HUB childcare provision. However, please note that parents should still make every effort to care for children at home at this time. If a HUB place is necessary, please contact the school to see if there are any spaces available.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

Risk Assessment: The school will be adhering to the Carmarthenshire County Council Risk Assessment Policy, in conjunction with the Welsh Government Guidance:

<https://gov.wales/keep-education-safe-operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-covid-19>

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Home-School Agreement: There will be a revised Home-School Agreement (included in this booklet). This will outline expectations relating to health and safety and engagement in learning.

<https://gov.wales/guidance-learning-over-summer-term-keep-education-safe>



Check In, Catch Up, Prepare - Return to School Information

Preparing for reopening of schools for 3 weeks from 29th June, we are able to clarify a few key points.

Drop off and Pick up points. The old school entrance where children normally come in for breakfast club will be the entrance for drop off and pick up. There will be a one way system that comes in up the zigzags and leaves through the car park gate.

Class groupings: Pupils will be in small groups, within an allocated classroom. They will remain in this classroom and group for the whole school session, or they may be involved in outdoor activities with the same group.

Social Distancing: All members of the school community will be expected to adhere to social distancing rules and we will be supporting your child to understand what this means for them, their peers, and their teachers. Social distancing signage around the school will help to remind everyone of these expectations. We kindly request that you respect this when dropping off and collecting your child, as we need to take every measure to minimise people gathering outside the school. For everyone's safety, visitors to school will be strictly monitored and will only be permitted for essential/emergency reasons. School arrival and departure times will be staggered in as much as all HUB children will need to arrive between 8am and 8.30am. Check-in children will arrive for doors opening at 9am— morning session and 12.30pm afternoon session.

Hand Washing: Pupils and staff will be required to wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day. Correct hand washing will be modelled and supervised by staff, in an age appropriate manner. In addition, dedicated hand sanitising stations will be available around school.

Work stations: Every child will be allocated their own desk and chair space and will need to work within this space, unless they are working outdoors. Each child will be given a pack of resources in school, solely for their use. Please **do not send in unnecessary items** from home.

Cleaning: Cleaning regimes will be significantly enhanced, with regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, door handles, toilets etc.

Clothing/uniform: Pupils **will not** be expected to wear uniform. Guidance suggests that pupils wear clothing that is suitable for the school environment, comfortable and easily washable. Ideally, clothing worn to school should be washed on returning home.

Food and drink: All school kitchens in the county will be closed this term. Therefore, all pupils attending the HUB will need to bring in their own packed lunch, snacks and drink. Check-in, Catch-up children will not need lunch but may bring a snack if required. There will be facilities for filling water bottles.

Attendance: If parents choose not to send their children to school, this decision will be respected. Welsh Government have stated no fines will be issued at this time. Distance learning will continue for all pupils and it is vital that pupils engage with this. Pupils who are in receipt of a shielding letter should not attend school.

Symptomatic Pupils: If a pupil shows symptoms of Covid-19 whilst in school, there will be an isolation room made available for them. Parents will be contacted and expected to collect their child from school immediately. All areas where this person has been will be identified and a thorough clean down will occur prior to reoccupation, in line with Welsh Government guidance. **It is vital that no child is sent to school if they feel unwell; have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell); or if they, or a member of the household, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.**

Everything will get better soon

There will be a one way system in and out of the school.

We will enter the school here.

We will all leave through the main car park gate.

Entry and exit into the school building will be through the old main entrance.

The Hall

Yr 1/2

Yr 4/5

Rec/Yr 1

Session times

HUB 8am—3.30pm

Morning session 9am– 11.30am

Afternoon session 12.30– 3pm