



# Ysgol Gymraeg Llangennech

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Dear parents,

It is an extremely challenging time for us as a school as we seek to plan our new provision from June 29th in line with Welsh Government guidelines published this week. Although the challenge, we are looking forward to seeing all of our children returning to the school. There are a million things to organise - effectively we have to create a 'new school' in two weeks. I know you are eagerly awaiting our plans but unfortunately, that will not be possible until we receive the full and final information from the Local Authority and that all plans have been signed off by the Governing body and Local Authority. It is our intention as a school to publish our plan towards the end of next week.

However, here's an idea of how we will operate when we reopen on June 29th:

Risk assessments and thorough plans will be in place so that we can do our best to minimize the risk of Covid-19. It is important to note that we will not be able to eradicate all risk – this is clearly stated in the Welsh Government guidance 'In primary schools, we recognise that it is not practicable to expect learners to maintain consistent social distancing of two metres.'

- We aim to offer 2 day visits per KS2 child with no more than 6 children in a group or classroom as of 29/06. Foundation Phase classes will not be attending sessions for the first two weeks as we have to adhere to the capped pupil number rule. Children will be placed into groups with children from their class. We are currently working on ensuring that pupils from families attend their bubbles on the same day.
- There will be different arrival and finish entrances for groups of children.
- The children will wash their hands in the toilets immediately upon arrival. The children will wash their hands regularly during their time back in school.
- Parents will not be allowed into the school building.
- Where possible, there will be a one-way system around the school and staff will monitor corridors to ensure that the children maintain social distancing from each other.
- Children will be positively encouraged to keep a distance of 2m from each other. Posters and displays around the school will remind pupils of this.
- One child at a time will be able to use the toilet.
- Comprehensive cleaning and hygiene procedures will be in place throughout the day - including cleaning surfaces, door handles, toilets etc during the day.
- Pupils will be allowed to use their own resources in school, but will not be allowed to share these. We will be enforcing a strict no NUTs on school site policy as some pupils have a severe nut allergy.
- For the remainder of this term there will be no breakfast club provision or hot lunch provision - Children will have to bring a packed lunch to school. They will then eat these in their classrooms.
- There will be a break for pupils to play outside, and they will do this within their group in a specific area of the playground. We will remind the children often to keep a social distance.
- There is no expectation from the LA to use personal protective equipment (PPE) when

undertaking routine educational activities in classroom/school settings. Should a member of staff wish to wear PPE, then they are allowed too. PPE will be available to staff to undertake tasks where social distancing is not possible e.g. intimate care or first aid etc.

- There will be dedicated 'isolation rooms' at the school if a child exhibits symptoms of Covid-19.
- We ask that only 1 parent drops off and collects their child from school. We ask you to keep a distance of 2m at all times.

We will be sharing more information with you over the next two weeks as we finalise our arrangements. The focus of the sessions in the school will be on the wellbeing and health of the children. Teachers will also have to prepare the fortnightly online learning projects.

Staff will be in school, preparing the rooms, moving furniture, hanging posters, painting lines etc. I would like to emphasise that it is your choice to send your child back to school and I understand that this may be a difficult decision for many of you. As a headteacher and a parent myself, I will respect your decision - either way! I aim to get more detailed information to you towards the end of next week with our finalised plans in order for you to make an informed decision. Following this, I will ask you to complete another questionnaire to state whether your child will be returning to school before the Summer holidays or not.

Thank you for your support during these last months. Stay Safe!

Regards

Gary Anderson

