



# Happy, Together, Learning and Caring.

## Newsletter Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear parents/carers

I hope that you have all managed to have an enjoyable half term week and at least had a break from the home schooling!

We are looking forward to the partial reopening of the Foundation Phase classes on Thursday. Our Risk Assessment has been updated in line with the latest guidance from Welsh Government and this includes regular testing of school staff twice weekly. Tests will be offered to all staff from next week.

During this partial return to school it is vital that all parents and carers remember that they can help schools and our whole community by continuing to follow public health guidance. We ask that only one adult comes to drop off and collect children from school and that they maintain social distancing during these times and take their children home directly. We also ask all parents and carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children.

Wearing a mask is now a requirement for primary school staff.

### **The classes that will return on Thursday are:**

- Dosbarth Poppet Sands - Reception - Mr McDonnell
- Dosbarth Ogmore - Year 1 - Mrs Cornwell
- Dosbarth Tresaith - Year 2 - Miss Davies/Mrs Jones

Classes will continue to have staggered start and finish times as in the autumn term.

School will finish for Foundation Phase each Friday at 12pm for this period to allow for teachers to have planning and preparation time. There will be no lunch in school on Fridays for Foundation Phase pupils.

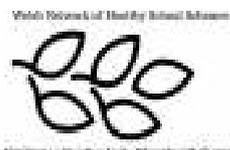
### **Nursery**

For this period nursery times have changed and children have been offered two full days in a smaller group starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. One group will attend on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. 'Rising 3's' will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

A separate letter for nursery parents/carers is available on the website today.

### **Provision for Key Stage 2**

This will remain the same as it is currently with blended learning although live sessions may be reduced at times as more staff will be needed in school. Classes will be told weekly when their live sessions will take place.





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KS2 children who have already accessed the hub provision can continue to do so according to parent/carers' working hours/shift patterns if there is no alternative for childcare. Places must be booked in advance.

## School meals

School meals will not resume until after Easter. This is to prevent classes mixing with other classes in the hall at lunchtimes. Children will be required to bring a packed lunch into school. They will eat lunch in classes.

There will be no breakfast club until after Easter.

## St David's Day 1/3/21

Classes will celebrate St David's Day next week. Children can wear Welsh costume or the Welsh colours but there is no expectation at all in these times for you to purchase any new items.

## World Book Day 4/3/21

Foundation Phase pupils can dress as characters from their favourite books for World Book Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately children cannot bring their favourite books into school as they usually would to share with the class on this day.

## Uniform

We would like children to wear school uniform when school reopens to Foundation Phase. This includes KS2 pupils who access the hub. We are not expecting full uniform as I'm sure many do not have uniform that fits anymore! A school polo top and jumper with own bottoms is acceptable and suitable footwear for outdoors learning.

## #FromMyDoor

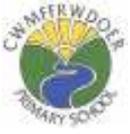
Welsh Athletics/Run Wales have been running a campaign to get Wales moving called #FromMyDoor. The aim is to get as many people across Wales moving as possible culminating in a mass St.Davids Day Virtual Run.

This St. David's Day, we've signed up to take part in Run Wales' national #FromMyDoor virtual run. The campaign aims to get Wales moving and to discover what's beyond our front doors.

After a year of lockdowns, looking after our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing has never been more important. That's why we are getting behind this campaign to get outdoors, to help reduce stress levels and improve concentration and mood.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March we would love to see as many families as possible leave their front door behind, having a walk or a jog and sharing your pictures of this amazing place we call home.





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To take part in the challenge, all you need to do is get outside, take a photo of something that celebrates 'Wales' and share it using #FromMyDoor.

There are no physical requirements to this activity. You can run it, walk it or jog it - just be a part of it.

Visit and sign up at at [irun.wales/frommydoor](http://irun.wales/frommydoor) to access a downloadable race bib to colour in as well as tips and motivation.

### Car park.

During this closure, some parents/carers of children who have been attending the hub have been using the staff car park.

This is no longer allowed as many more staff will now be on site. The car park is strictly for staff only. Please don't use the car park when dropping off or collecting your children.

As we receive further information regarding the opening of KS2 classes, we will communicate this with you.

In the meantime, please get in touch with me directly if you need to on [head.cwmffrwdorprimary@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:head.cwmffrwdorprimary@torfaen.gov.uk)

Kind regards

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