



# Happy, Together, Learning and Caring.

Dear parents/carers

## The Partial Reopening of School

This letter follows the information provided yesterday by Torfaen Council regarding the reopening of some classes in Torfaen schools.

There will be changes during this period to how school normally runs to ensure the safety of pupils and staff as far as possible.

**We will open to Foundation Phase classes only on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

The classes that will return 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.

**However all classes in the Foundation Phase will close at 12pm each Friday to allow for teachers to have planning and preparation time.**

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.

## Nursery

- For this period nursery times will be changed. Children will be offered two full days in a smaller group for this period, starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- Each group will be offered one day on either the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- 'Rising 3's' will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Baker will be in touch with all parents/carers with details of days for your child. If you wish to discuss this with Mrs Baker, please contact her on [BakerC161@hwbcymru.net](mailto:BakerC161@hwbcymru.net)





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## Provision for the rest of the school

This will remain the same as it is currently.

Blended learning will continue although live sessions may be reduced as more staff will be needed in school.

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.

For the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February, requests for hub spaces MUST be emailed to [clerk.cwmffrwdolerprimary@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.cwmffrwdolerprimary@torfaen.gov.uk) by no later than Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

## School meals

School meals will not resume until after Easter. This is to prevent classes mixing with other classes in the hall. 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.

## Car park.

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

This will no longer be allowed as many more staff will now be on site. The car park is strictly for staff only.

We do not know when our KS2 pupils will be returning to classes but will update you as soon as we have further information.

Thank you to you all for your support with the home learning. We appreciate how hard this half term has been for you all. We cannot wait to have all our children back in school. Until then it is important for us all to remember that while schools are partially reopening, this does not signal a relaxation of the current lockdown rules.

Have a relaxing half term, forget about school work and enjoy some family time.

Best wishes

Sarah Truelove  
Headteacher





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