

DINAS POWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL – February 2021

Return to School Infant Site - Foundation Phase on Monday February 22nd

Dear Parents,

The Minister for Education has announced that due to the improvement in the Public Health situation we can have a “partial and phased” return to face-to-face learning in Schools.

This will be a return to face to face learning for our Foundation Phase (Infant, 3-7 year old) Learners on Monday 22nd February.

The Government has stated there is no certainty further closures will not happen but they will continuously monitor the impact on transmission of a careful opening to face to face learning.

The Chief Medical Officer confirms that evidence suggests that Schools have been successful in providing safe environments for children and teachers.

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) also confirms that the most effective preventative measures are in place but have made recommendations to strengthen existing mitigating measures in light of the new variants. This is the use of high quality medical standard face coverings for all staff along with lateral flow tests, for all staff, twice weekly.

“This return to School is not a return to normal life.”

Parents are requested to continue to be vigilant - Please continue to:

- Socially distance at the School gates, along with mask wearing
- Not permit sleep overs/ parties/ meeting up in the park or other household mixing outside of School.
- Not send children to School if they have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.

We will continue to strictly adhere to all Government guidance— minimising contact in School. Year Groups will be kept apart from each other throughout the School day.

Catering

The Vale of Glamorgan Big Fresh Catering Company will re-open on the Infant site for service. We would be grateful if as many children as possible participated in School Dinners. However, if used, lunch boxes must be minimal and washed daily. You must have informed the School if you are bringing sandwiches as food has been ordered.

Fruit/Water

Please re-commence providing fresh fruit daily, if required. Water bottles will continue to be provided by the School.

Equipment

No equipment is allowed including bags. Reading bags will continue to be provided. All stationery will be provided so please ensure **no pencil cases** are brought to School.

Uniform

Our usual School Uniform (including PE Kits) Policy continues. Please ensure a waterproof coat/ suitable footwear is provided as outdoor learning is a strong recommendation. Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club and After School Provision

Welsh Government guidance states, Schools must do everything possible to minimise the mixing of year groups, therefore Breakfast Club and After School provision will not resume at this current time. This will be reviewed as the current situation develops.

Return Date: Monday February 22nd Years - Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2.

Staggered times will continue to be implemented to enable parents to social distance

	Start	Finish	Entrance/Gate
Nursery	9:15 am/ 12:45 pm	11:45 am/ 3:15 pm	Nursery Gate (Murch Road)
Reception	9:15	3:15	Base RW- main entrance door Base RS- main entrance door
Year 1	9:00	3:30	Base 1L- side door- Reception Garden Base 1S- Rear door
Year 2	9:00	3:30	Base 2D- Side fire door Base 2U- Side door in Year 2 play area

Please note the changes in staggered start and finish times

We are looking forward to a safe, enjoyable half term.

Mrs J. Thompson
Headteacher