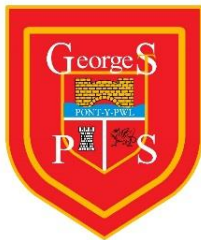


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Friday 19 June 2020

Dear parent/carers

I am writing to provide an update regarding the school's plans for partial reopening in the week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Firstly, thank you for returning the form or for emailing to confirm your intention for your child(ren) to return to school. The date for confirming has now passed.

We have planned for all of the children whose parents have notified they wish to return. All pupils will have two blocks of time in school between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Schools in Torfaen will not be open for an additional week at the end of the summer term.

All children will have a four day block (Monday-Thursday) in either the first or second week, followed by a 2 day block (Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday) in the third and final week. School will not be open to any pupils on Fridays.

We will contact parents/carers of all children returning to school by text on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The text will make clear the specific days your child is able to attend school. It will not be possible to change these dates.

When returning to school the following routine measures will be in place:

- Most classes have been divided into two groups
- Groups will be of 8 or less
- Siblings will attend on the same days
- Children will be taught by their teacher/teaching assistants in their usual classroom
- Groups will stay with the same adults during their time in school
- PE and Forest school sessions will take place outdoors. There will be no changing for PE.
- Every child will have an allocated chair and table and will be provided with their own writing materials/digital equipment. They will not share this with any other pupil.
- Regular handwashing will be part of the daily routine
- Children will go to the bathroom one at a time
- Toilets and high touch areas will be cleaned regularly
- Children will need to wear clean clothes every day. There will be no school uniform this term.

It is not expected that any child wear protective equipment to school. Face coverings and/or gloves are not suitable for school.

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## Arrivals & departures

School will be open between 8.50am and 3.10pm Monday to Thursday. To reduce traffic around the site at opening and closing a system of staggered starts and specific entry/exit points will be in place.

	Beginning of day	End of day	Access via
<b>Nursery</b>	9.00	11.30	Conway Road
<b>Reception</b>	8.50	3:00	Conway Road
<b>Year 1</b>	9.00	3:10	School Lane
<b>Year 2</b>	8.50	3:00	School Lane
<b>Year 3</b>	9:00	3:10	George St & steps
<b>Year 4</b>	9:00	3:10	George St & ramp
<b>Year 5</b>	8:50	3:00	George St & steps
<b>Year 6</b>	8:50	3:00	George St & ramp
<b>Hub</b>	8.50	3.10	Conway Road

Staff will record videos next week to show children/parents the entrance and exit they need to use. They will also show how classrooms have been set up and provide a welcome message for all pupils. These videos will be posted on Twitter and uploaded to Seesaw so that you can share them with your child(ren).

The drop-off zone will not be in operation. All children will need to be brought to/collected from school/classroom doors by a single adult. You may need to queue briefly in which case you will have to make sure that you observe social distancing guidelines. Please note that if you are bringing more than one child to school you will need to use the correct entry point for each child. It will not be possible cross the playground to cross the school site. You are also expected to observe the general social distancing guidance on your movement to and from school.

## Break and lunch times

Children will need to bring their own water bottle and packed lunch/snack to school. Children will have break and lunch times with their group, following a staggered timetable. Lunch will be eaten in classrooms or outdoors.

Children will play in their groups using designated areas and play equipment.

## Children who are unwell

It is vitally important that no child with any symptoms of Covid-19 attend school. If a child begins to display symptoms of covid-19 during their time in school they will be isolated and we will contact you immediately to collect them and begin self-isolation as explained by Public Health Wales.

## Activities throughout the day

The purpose of children's return to school is to 'check-in, catch-up and prepare for September'. Staff are planning a variety of activities that will provide opportunities for pupils to use and develop their literacy and numeracy skills and to continue with their learning as they would normally do in school. There will also be a strong focus on supporting pupils' wellbeing, with opportunities to refresh relationships with peers and trusted adults in a secure and nurturing environment.

Home learning will continue for all pupils throughout these three weeks and staff will use the time in classes to support pupils who are attending school with any difficulties they have encountered.

## Childcare for keyworker children

The Local Authority (LA) has determined that only those children who registered with the LA hub provision between March 20<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> are eligible for keyworker childcare.

All keyworker children will attend during the first week as part of their normal class. In the second week they will attend as part of a separate group that will be based in the Nursery building. In the final week, keyworker children will re-join their classes for a further two days.

The times for childcare will be the same as for the school day. School is closed to all pupils on Friday.

Please note, any child accessing keyworker childcare must only do so when there is no safe alternative. It is expected that children who attended the George Street hub earlier this term continue to do so only on the same days as previously.

#### **Parent/carer access**

No parents will be permitted to enter the school building during the reopening. The school reception is strictly off limits without express permission. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office on the phone number or email at the top of this letter and a member of staff will be available to speak with you.

I trust that the plans set out above provide the essential information you have been seeking.

The LA has produced a frequently asked questions page for parents/carers and pupils that you may find useful if you have further queries. It can be viewed at

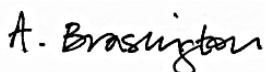
<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/Homepage-Stories/Coronavirus/Education/Return-to-School-FAQs.aspx>

We will be in touch via text/Twitter/Seesaw next week to confirm the days your child is able to attend and to share the Welcome Back videos.

In the meantime, staff are continuing to work hard to ensure that everything is properly in place for a safe re-opening and to maintain plans for home learning that will continue up until the end of term. Teachers will make a wellbeing call to all pupils who are not returning to school before the end of term.

We are very much looking forward to seeing children back in school from the 29<sup>th</sup> – not long to go now!

Kind regards,



Mr A Brasington