



# Ysgol Tanyfron

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## Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Can I start by thanking everyone in helping ensure a smooth reopening of school with our Foundation Phase pupils and continued Key Stage 2 key worker provision. The reopening has gone well from schools perspective so we thank you for your efforts and co-operation. As we begin working with our pupils again and plan for the return of Key Stage 2 pupils, I wish to share a few details with you moving forward.

### Testing procedures for school staff

Many of you would have read that to support the reopening of schools all school staff will be tested twice a week. Whilst this provides reassurance for all it also slightly amends our reporting processes with the possibility of a 'positive' test. School staff are tested every **Sunday** and **Wednesday**, therefore if a positive test is recorded then there may be the need to temporarily close a 'bubble' on that evening as we await further information, which I appreciate, may be short notice for childcare arrangements. Any potential closures of bubbles will be shared only via that class's SEESAW page and NOT the school website/APP.

### Key Stage 2 Key Worker Provision

Key Stage 2 key worker provision remains available for those who meet the Welsh Government criteria within the main school building. The procedures that are currently in place will remain the same –

- The provision will continue to run from 08.55am until 3.00pm daily.
- Please book 'Key worker Provision' by contacting your child's class teacher on SEESAW, speaking to a member of school staff this week in 'Key Worker Provision' or via the school mailbox address ([mailbox@tanyfron-pri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@tanyfron-pri.wrexham.sch.uk))

However, there were a small number of changes, which were implemented from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March** –

- Pupils are now dropped off and collected via the main playground. Key workers can access the yard from 08.55am (08.45am if a sibling of a Foundation Phase pupil) and will be dismissed via the door by Miss Harris and Miss Burgin's room.
- Pupils attending key worker provision are able to order a 'school dinner' from the 2020-21 temporary menu. Should your child(ren) want a packed lunch they will need to bring their own packed lunch, morning snack and drinks. Please provide enough drinks for a full day (especially on warm weather days)
- Pupils attending will need to wear school uniform daily.
- Key Worker provision will be overseen by the Key Stage 2 teaching team and will be based around supporting the online learning provision.

### Key Stage 2 Online Learning Provision

In line with the Welsh Government Guidance, we will be continuing with the online learning provision for those Key Stage 2 pupils who are not eligible to attend school. Staff alongside parents/guardians have made huge strides with the implementation of home learning to support pupil learning. We will continue to add to this program whilst we wait for further information regarding the return of all Key Stage 2 pupils, which has been provisionally stated as **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

As we approach the return date to school, we will be offering a weekly opportunity to take part in a 'live' session with your class teacher and friends. This will be at a different time each week due to all Key Stage 2 teachers supporting the key worker provision. Each individual teacher will be making contact this week with meeting details and a set of expectations/guidelines for the sessions.

### **Welsh Government Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club has reopened from today. Provision will be available for both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 Key Worker provisions. Breakfast club will run under the same guidance as before the Christmas holidays.

- 08.00am – Breakfast Club opens
- 08.00am – 08.30am - £1 charge
- 08.30am – 08.40am – Free of charge
- 08.40am – Last entry to Breakfast Club

**Please note – All payments for Breakfast club need to be made in advance and via the local authority online payment system.**

### **Dragons Daycare**

Dragons Daycare remains open and any parents/guardians who may require wrap-around care or after school, provision is advised to speak with Katie and the team regarding any bookings, which are required.

### **Foundation Phase – Forest School**

Forest School will resume this week with Mrs Bancroft so therefore we ask that pupils follow the same procedures as before lockdown started. Therefore, please send your child(ren) to school in appropriate clothing for the Forest school session along with providing suitable footwear in a separate bag. Should you have any questions about the return of Forest School please liaise with your child(ren)s class teacher directly.

### **Foundation Phase Lunches**

Mrs Halliwell and the catering team are running as normal, therefore pupils are able to order a 'school dinner' from the 2020-21 temporary menu as normal. Alternatively, parents/guardians can provide a packed lunch.

### **School Shoes**

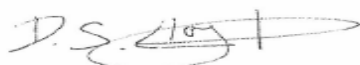
Please do not worry if your child's school shoes do not fit them and you have not been able to replace them. Whilst non-essential retail shops are not open, we do not want parents/guardians making unnecessary journeys to find a pair and potentially put yourselves at risk of transmission.

### **World Book Day**

With World Book Day due to be celebrated this week we have been asked by parents/guardians if we will be celebrating in the usual ways. Whilst school will be celebrating World Book Day, we will **NOT** be asking pupils to dress up as their favourite book character. This has been a difficult decision because we know how much the pupils enjoy the day but again we do **NOT** want parents/guardians making unnecessary trips to try to find a costume should they not have one at home. We are also keen to ensure that all Foundation pupils have the opportunity to work their way back into the normal school routine this week.

As always, can I thank you for your continued support. Please keep yourselves safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher