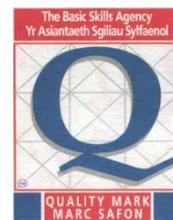


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The phased re-opening of schools for Foundation Phase learners

Schools are planning for the phased reopening of on-site provision for Foundation Phase learners in the week beginning 22nd February.

Schools are currently revising their risk assessments following the release of Welsh Government revised [operational guidance](#).

The revised guidance to schools includes new detail on:

- wearing of face coverings by staff in all areas of the school or setting where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- risk assessments – recognising the importance of reviewing risk assessments to suit the current circumstances and supporting checklist.
- availability of twice weekly testing for staff in schools and
- workforce – including advice for those who are extremely clinically vulnerable.
- free school meals – the continuation of £19.50 per learner.

On Monday 22nd February, all schools will be undertaking a planning day for the return.

The provision for key worker and vulnerable children will continue that day.

From Tuesday 23rd February schools will begin a phased return for learners in the Foundation Phase.

This return is being locally determined by clusters of schools to enable them to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible for learners.

Further detail for each school can be found by accessing school websites and social media platforms.

The return to schools will be phased so that each group of learners entering school settings is familiarised with the range of measures to keep them safe.

Therefore, in the first week of the return to school numbers on school sites will be lower.

Distance learning for Foundation Phase learners will cease in this week to enable school staff to spend quality face to face time returning to schools.



During the first week of the return schools will be monitoring and evaluating their procedures as learners return to school sites.

There will also be monitoring to see if there is any increased transmission of the virus resulting from the return to school sites.

School staff will be undertaking lateral flow device testing on a twice weekly basis.

This means that there may be instances where the return to full capacity may be halted or slowed to ensure that all mitigation measures are working.

Parents and carers will have a role to play in ensuring that the mitigating measures in the guidance are supported. They include:

- Maintaining social distancing on school sites wherever possible.
- Wearing face coverings on all school sites.
- Ensuring that learners are not mixing outside their designated school bubbles.
- Continuing to follow the Welsh Government Guidance at Alert level four which means staying at home unless it is essential to go out.

Learners who are extremely clinically vulnerable should remain at home in line with current guidance which remains in place until the 31st March 2021.

Schools are preparing for a full return of all Foundation Phase learners on 1st March.

Implementing the phased return of Foundation Phase Children at Cleddau Reach VC Primary

Our school will follow the guidance provided by Welsh Government and Pembrokeshire County Council to provide a phased re-opening of the school for Foundation Phase learners during the week beginning Monday 22nd February. We will monitor this phased return on a daily basis and support targeted groups within each class so that they can return to school-based learning in a safe and secure way. The aim will be to have all four of our Foundation Phase classes fully back in school from Monday 1st March.

The timetable below shows the days and times when targeted groups will be in school during the week after half term. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 class teachers will contact parents directly to confirm which group each child is in.

	Class 1 Early Years Mrs Thomas / Mrs Hughes Classroom Door	Class 2 Reception Miss Logue Arrive 8.55- 9.05am Collect 3.15 -3.25pm Early Years sliding door	Class 3 Year 1 Miss Eldred Arrive 8.55- 9.05am Collect 3.15 -3.25pm Classroom door	Class 4 Year 2 Mrs Evans Arrive 8.35- 8.45am Collect 2.55 - 3.05pm Classroom door
Monday 22 nd February	Foundation Phase return preparation day across all Pembrokeshire Schools Provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable Learners			
Tuesday 23 rd February	Spring term new starts Arrive 8.55 - 9.05am Collect 11.10 - 11.20am	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1
Wednesday 24 th February	Spring term full-time learners Arrive 8.55 - 9.05am Collect 2.55 - 3.05pm	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2
Thursday 25 th February	Returning Part-time morning learners Arrive 8.55 - 9.05 am Collect 11.10 - 11.20am	Group 3	Group 3	Group 3
Friday 26 th February	Returning Part-time afternoon learners Arrive 1.00pm – 1.10pm Collect 3.15 - 3.25 pm	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
Monday 1 st March	Planned return for all Foundation Phase Classes			

All staff will look forward to welcoming the children back into school after half term. The school will implement all safety measures used during the autumn term and the additional measures outlined in the updated Welsh Government guidance. I am confident that all parents will support us by fully following the safety measures outlined in the PCC press release.

At present the return of children is for the core provision of teaching and learning but it is hoped that it will be possible to re-introduce Breakfast Club and After School Club later in this half term.

A drink and a snack will be provided for Early Years learners but can all other classes continue to bring in water bottles and a small healthy snack for morning breaktime.

All classes will continue to learn, play and eat within their class bubbles. No children should attend school if they are unwell with any symptoms of COVID-19 or other infections.

Please contact the school office immediately if your child and other members of the family need to self-isolate.

On Monday 1st March, each Foundation Phase class will be celebrating St David's Day within their class bubble. If you still wish to send them in wearing traditional dress or rugby tops on that day, it would be lovely.

If there is any issue you would like further clarification on, please e-mail or phone the school office today or on Monday 22nd February. Individual class teachers can also be contacted via their HWB e-mail today or on Monday 22nd February.

I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy half term. Many thanks for all you have done this half term to support staff in maintaining distanced learning.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Groves