

Gwybodaeth i Rieni a Myfyrwyr

Parent & Student Briefing

Ysgol Llanfyllin

Cynlluniau ar gyfer ailagor – Ebrill 2021
Plans for full re-opening – April 2021



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We understand that students may have a range of different questions and concerns about returning including those who may be completely new to the school.

This presentation aims to inform you of arrangements we have put in place to ensure that our students' return to school is as safe as possible, and to reassure both students and their families that our staff are here to help and support you.

Please be aware that by 14th April 2021, it will be compulsory for all pupils to attend school.

The phased return approach has allow us time to settle pupils and build up confidence and routines to enable a smooth transition back to school.

A comprehensive risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that the safety of everyone who attends school is paramount.



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Context

The WG has given the following broad guidance for reopening in April:

- Split the school into year group 'Bubbles'
- Keep groups apart as much as possible
- Stagger timings to reduce contact at peak times
- Deliver the richest curriculum whilst keeping everyone safe
- Continue enhanced hygiene practices
- Continue enhance cleaning practices
- Facial coverings to be worn in circumstances where social distancing cannot be maintained (NB. they will be mandatory in Ysgol Llanfyllin when inside the building)



Who is in when?

- April 12th – Staff preparation day
- April 13th – KS4 & 5 in school, KS3 online
- April 14th – All pupils return to face to face teaching learning

- **Face coverings are compulsory when inside the school building**



Contact Groups or 'Bubbles'

To further mitigate the risk of the virus spreading, pupils will be organised into contact groups for the foreseeable future. You might be more familiar with the term bubbles. In general, this means that pupils will not be allowed to mix with pupils in other year groups.

The contact groups will be as follows:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Years 12 & 13
- Wellbeing Group



Where will pupils be?

The students will be split into year group bubbles

- Y7 – Welsh Corridor & specialist rooms
- Y8 – Mobiles at the back of the school – rooms 34/35, 36/37 and 58/59 & specialist rooms
- Y9 – Maths corridor & specialist rooms
- Y10 – English/Science & specialist rooms
- Y11 – Humanities/Science & specialist rooms
- 6th form – French corridor & specialist rooms



Pupil drop off and pick up

Staggered timings for different pupil groups

Bus Arrival

- As usual - 8:30 to 8:45am

Car/Walk to school

- Primary phase 8:45 to 9am
- KS4/KS5 8.40 to 8.50am
- KS3 8.50 to 9am
- Please use allocated entry to ensure hand hygiene on arrival
- Students should go straight to their form rooms or outdoor areas
- Each Bubble will leave via their own exit – staggered times



Pupil drop off and pick up

- Staggered timings for different pupil groups
- **Pick up**
- Primary Phase – 3:10pm
- Buses go at 3.35pm
- Car pick up after 3.35pm - gates locked until 3:35 when buses leave.
- Each Bubble will leave via their own exit



If you are intending to drop your child at school by car, then please adhere to the drop off times allocated for your child's Key Stage.

Please enter the school site via the car park at the front of the school. A one way system will be in operation.

Please be patient and follow all instructions given by our members of staff.

Parents will not be allowed to accompany their child into school.



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What happens when I arrive in school?

Staff will be there to guide you if you are unsure, but please read the information on this presentation carefully, as it should tell you where to go, and the preferred entrance for you to use.

Hand hygiene routines should be followed on entering the school. We have installed new outdoor hand washing facilities. It is crucial that pupils wash their hands very regularly and thoroughly whilst in school.

There are also hand sanitising points located throughout the school and in every classroom.

A register will be taken at the beginning of the day and pupils will be asked to thoroughly wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the school day.



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Will students be required to wear face coverings?

Yes. At Ysgol Llanfyllin pupils from Year 7 upwards will be expected to wear a facial covering in the following circumstances:

- Students must wear a facial covering if travelling to and from school on public transport and any normal school transport.
- Students must wear a facial covering at all times when inside the school building, including classrooms.

Please note: Parents must inform the school if their child has a medical exemption from wearing a face covering before the pupil returns to school.



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Contact groups – ‘Bubbles’

Further Information.

Each designated contact group area will be clearly marked out with social distancing signage, have toileting facilities, a designated ‘one-way’ system, and in all classrooms, desks will be arranged so students are facing the front, side by side wherever possible.

Pupils will be sitting at a safe distance from their teacher and must maintain a 2m distance at all times

These measures have been taken to mitigate risk and help keep students and staff safe.



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Bus transport to school



For students being transported to school by coach, this will be organised through Powys Local Authority Transport Department, with normal timings and pick up/drop off points applied. Learners must follow instructions given to them by drivers and staff. Learners should stay in their seats, wear a facial covering and face forward at all times.



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What do I need to bring?

You need to bring your own basic stationery (pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, colouring pencils, calculator etc) in a pencil case, preferably something you can wipe down.

You will need to bring your exercise books for the lessons you have each day – on line learning may continue in the form of homework.

The canteen will operate at break and lunchtime, but you can bring your own lunch and snacks if you wish. Remember to bring plenty of drinking water.

Mobile phones can be brought into school, and should be stored securely in bags.



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What should I wear to school?

Will my child need to wear school uniform?

No. The rules around the wearing of school uniform have been relaxed for the remainder of the Summer Term. Pupils should wear clothes which are easily laundered and appropriate for the school environment.

Pupils are expected to wear their PE kits on the days that they will have PE lessons.



What should I wear – PE lessons

Students will be informed in advance when they will be having PE, and they should wear their PE kit to school on those days.



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Break and lunch times

- Staggered timings for different groups

Breaktime

- Primary phase – 10:55am – 11:15am
- Y7/8/9 -10.45am - 11:15am
- Y10/11 & 12/13- 10.55am – 11:15am

Lunchtime

- Primary phase – 12:40pm – 1:45pm
- Y7/8/9- 12.45pm – 1:40pm
- Y10/11 & 12/13 - 12.55pm - 1:40pm



Break and lunch times

- **Primary phase – food delivered and eaten in bubble room**
- **3 food collection areas in secondary phase**
- **Canteen - Y7 & 11**
- Entry and exit via science
- **Theatre - Y9 & 10**
- entry and exit via back of the theatre - foyer
- **Conservatory- Y8 & 12/13**
- entry and exit via the student entrance - (car park)

NB. Pupils should eat in their Bubble Rooms or allocated outdoor space



Lateral Flow Testing (voluntary)

- The voluntary testing regime will continue after Easter
- Participating staff and KS4/5 students will test twice a week – Sunday and Wednesday Evenings
- Results will be reported to the school and to the NHS
- Follow all instructions if you test positive – you must inform school immediately and arrange for a PCR test as per instructions
- Coronavirus asymptomatic testing in school, further education and childcare settings | GOV.WALES



Health and safety procedures

Fire alarm procedures and Lockdown procedures – Secondary Phase.

- **Fire evacuation** procedures remain the same with the following additions:
- Pupils should assemble on the Red Gra in their Bubble Groups – social distance between bubble groups
- Social distancing should be encouraged whilst exiting the building and assembling
- **Lockdown** should be executed within the designated Bubble areas/rooms
- There will be practice drills during the first half term



Behaviour expectations - respect

- Addition to policy – September 2020 – Re opening following Covid 19 National Lockdown.
- Any pupil behaving in a way which disrupts or endangers the Covid Secure status of the school will face sanctions. The sanctions applied will depend on the nature and severity of the behaviour and the impact it has on the Health and Safety of members of the school community during the Covid 19 crisis. The school reserves the right to apply sanctions ranging from verbal warnings, detentions, use of the Ready to Learn Room and/or **exclusion from school** (fixed term or **permanent**.)



We have worked hard on a plan which allows us to provide as much access to the broadest and most balanced curriculum we can within the constraints.

Thank you again for supporting your children with online learning, and for the support we have been shown as a school as we negotiate our way through this most unprecedented of times.

We are really looking forward to greeting all pupils back into school after the Easter break.

We will see you soon.

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