



GARNTÉG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, Torfaen .NP4 7SJ

Tel: 01495 742934 Fax: 01495 742936

E.mail : head.garntegprimary@torfaen.gov.uk

Headteacher: Mrs S. E. Roche – B.Ed (Hons) MA.Ed. NPQH

Deputy Headteacher : Mrs C Jones – B.Ed hons

School Website: www.garntegprimary@torfaen.gov.uk

16.07.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the Minister for Education in Wales (Kirsty Williams) announced last week all schools will reopen for children on a phased basis from September 1st leading to full return on Monday 14th September 2020.

Obviously everyone's key priority is ensuring the safety of learners and staff in school. A rigorous school risk-assessment has taken place with school Governors and LA health and safety team and will be reviewed over the summer holidays for the larger bubbles. In light of this we are really pleased to announce we are in a position to open and plan for pupils return fully complying to Welsh Government timescales above.

At Garnteg we are really lucky to have a design that lends itself easily to keeping and maintaining class bubbles, with entry point doors for every year group leading to their own classes and toilet facilities and following through their classes outside, single point exit doors to open and play spaces. There are also taps and sinks for washing in every classroom in addition to the toilets. We now have a picture of what school will look like when we reopen in September, the steps we will take to minimise risk to children and adults, and how you can support us.

Please note government advice makes clear no one can guarantee social distancing can always be maintained in schools particularly in classes with younger children.

What will school look like?

The school will look and feel very different to how the children left it. The learning environments will be basic and the curriculum altered:

Return to School w/c 1/09/20

Please note that the LA and all LA's regionally have set aside the Tuesday and Wednesday 1st and 2nd September as planning days in order for risk assessments and other operational services to be signed off so, pupils will return on a phased basis from Thursday 3rd September 2020. Priority will be given on these days to our new intake of pupils in Nursery and Reception where parents/carers and pupils will have the opportunity to meet and spend time in the class meeting the full staff.

Please note an individual letter with the start date and time for your children will be sent next week, family siblings will be attending on the same start dates unless nursery or reception intake which will be slightly earlier.

Week 1 (Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September)

Nursery Intake new starters to Garnteg - 2 groups of 6 pupils 1hr am (9:15-10:15 and 10:45-11:45) and 1hr each pm (12:30 -1:30 and 2:00 -3:00) for induction with parents. Parents will be sent an individual letter with the times for each group

Reception Intake new starters to Garnteg not previously in our nursery– am and pm sessions will be allocated to you to all for a parent/carer/pupil induction.

Y1-Y6 pupils – Groups of up to 15 pupils and new starters to the school

Week 2 w/c 7th Sept 20

Nursery – half intake session build up

Reception – half intake session build up

Y1-Y6 – Build up to full capacity in class by Monday 14th September.

Week 3 – w/c 14th Sept 20

All pupils in school

Staggered arrival collection times:

8:40am – 3:00pm

8:50am – 3:10pm

9:00am – 3:20pm

9:10am – 3:30pm

Bottom gate

Nursery, Reception and Y1 pupils (without siblings in other year groups) to use bottom gate as entrance and exit. With Siblings use top gate and drop off bays.

Key Information

- If a child or staff member is unwell during the day, staff have access to masks, gloves and other Personal Protection Equipment. The person who is unwell will be safely moved to a designated room in school. If this is a child, parents/ carers will be contacted and asked to come immediately to school. You will be given advice about how you can arrange for your child to be tested.
- If a child in a group is unwell and tests positive for COVID-19, the rest of their class or group within school will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
- The main entrance will now be closed to all cars except disabled badge holders only.
- Only one parent/carer should bring the child[ren] to school and will take them to one of 2 drop off points pictures will be available shortly for clarity.
- Foundation Phase Children parents are asked to line up in the designated car park area to the right of the school gates AND ENTER THROUGH THE RIGHT HAND GATE FOLLOWING THE PATH TO THEIR DROP OFF ZONE WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY STAFF. Parents may be asked to take their coats home weather permitting to minimise contact in the school.
- Key stage 2 pupils will enter through the left hand gate that has now been marked. Parents will drop them at the gate in the designated spaces and staff will be available to direct to the classes.

- During the day parent/carers will be asked not to enter the main reception area and instead ring the school office for any queries.
- Please note there will be limited movement in the bubbles so parent/carer cannot pick their children up early or for an appointment and will be asked to observe the times given in the plan. Children will then be brought out to the pickup zones at the end of the day.

Organisation of the bubbles

- To make it easier for families we have been able to plan for families to attend their days in different year groups together ie if there are 2 siblings in different year groups they will attend on the same day so they can be brought together as a family.
- No stationery to be brought into school, equipment will be supplied by the school.
- More information will be sent out to parents on uniform which is the preferred option but foot wear comfortable trainers for outside activities and sports bring a water bottle for drinks.

Please continue to keep safe and well and I shall be back in contact shortly once our detailed plans for a phased re-opening are finalised.

For any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

S E Roche

Headteacher Garnteg Primary school



Graded excellent by
Estyn 2019

