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## **Partial reopening of schools, week beginning February 22nd**

We are delighted that school is reopening again for all children in the Foundation Phase, for face to face teaching, that is for all pupils from Nursery to year 2.

The Minister for Education announced that all Foundation Phase pupils will start returning to school from the week beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup> and all are expected to be back in school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Below is an outline of how we intend to achieve this. More details will be published over the next week.

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

The decision by the Welsh Government to invite back to school the youngest pupils first, is based on the fact that younger pupils find it much more difficult to access on line learning. Also, it is a crucial time for their development.

At Bryn Deva, Nursery pupils will be asked to return to school first, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Mrs. Mitchell-Craig's class and Mr. Hall's nursery pupils will be asked to attend. Day to day, things will look very similar to how they did last term. You will need to use the same entrances as you did and the times will be very similar. (Times will be confirmed in a letter, which will follow.)

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

All other pupils in the Foundation Phase are expected to return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. You will need to use the same entry and exits as last term and the times will be very similar. (Times will be confirmed in a letter, which will follow.)

### **What you might expect**

All pupils will be back with their classes, but in the interest of keeping class sizes to a minimum they will be divided into smaller groups during the day. Their original class groups will remain together when playing outside.

There will be no breakfast club provision until after the Easter holidays.

Jigsaw play group will be open until 3pm for those nursery pupils that require this service. Any queries please contact either Jane Oliver or Nicola Hunt.

The pupils will need to wear uniforms every day apart from their PE day. Their class teachers will let you know which day of the week this is.

School will continue to provide stationary. We ask that children bring in only their lunch boxes/bags, coats and hats and gloves. They may also bring their own water bottles.

**Lunches**

If you are entitled to a free school meal, a lunch will be provided at school. Direct payments will continue for the first week. Until we have an idea of how many dinners are required, the school kitchen will be preparing packed lunches, should you require one. We hope to introduce a hot meal before the end of the week. The price of a dinner is £2.25 per day.

**Key workers**

There will be places for children of key workers in KS 2, the advice remains the same that where children can safely be looked after at home then that is where they should be. Places are not guaranteed and will be limited by the numbers requiring a place. We are increasing the numbers of staff to ensure where possible we can provide child care. There is no child care available over the half term holiday.

We are excited at the prospect of having everyone back together again but are very aware that these are challenging times and with the new variant being in our community we all need to be vigilant. Please ensure you adhere to the National guidance to keep everyone in our community safe.

The staff at school would like to wish you and your families well and appreciate the challenges that you are experiencing on a daily basis. Keep checking the Schoop app for any changes or any new information relating to school opening.

Kind regards

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