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Dear Parents and Carers.

Last week Kirsty Williams announced the news that all schools in Wales will be open to all pupils by Monday September 14th 2020. Listening to the Minister's statement, it is clear that school life will still require some additional measures in place to minimise the risk of cross-infection and a risk of a second spike in the pandemic.

We will be working closely with the Local Authority, our Governing Body and with our cluster of schools to prepare risk assessments and to discuss transition strategies. The guidance is clear that schools should consider their own circumstances and ability to allow children to attend school, ensuring safety for staff and pupils. The purpose of this letter is to give you as much detail as possible regarding our plans for September and measures that have been put in place for staff, pupils, and parents/carers. Please understand that the arrangements for Oystermouth may differ from other schools so it is not advisable to compare. Each school has different constraints in terms of staffing and accommodation and we are all planning for the wellbeing of our own school and our own situation.

OYSTERMOUTH REOPENING SEPTEMBER 2020

Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September will be Preparation Days.

On Thursday 3rd September, Oystermouth will be open for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 children.

On Friday 4th September, Oystermouth will be open for some Morning Nursery children, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 children.

All year groups will be return to school on Monday 7th September.




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EMERGENCY CHILDCARE

Our emergency childcare will not be available in September as all children from Reception to Year 6 will be in school full time and the Nursery children will be in for the morning.

WRAPAROUND PROVISION

Wraparound provision will open from 11:30am until 3:30pm from Friday 3rd September. Please email the school ASAP if you want to book your child in to Wrap Around on 3rd September.

BREAKFAST CLUB / AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There is no expectation from the Local Authority for schools to have Breakfast Club and After School Club running from September 3rd. We have been advised to phase this in gradually when schools are able to do so. We are hoping to have Breakfast Club and After School Club running by Monday 14th September.

CLASS ORGANISATION

Each class will operate as a 'bubble', in order to promote social distancing. We will endeavour to ensure that the 'bubble' does not come into contact with any other groups of children in the school.

We will try to use the outdoors as much as possible, although this is obviously weather dependant.

There will be no assemblies.

Our outdoor space, for break and lunch times, will be zoned so that each class has an area to play in.

We have to limit the amount of shared resources, so children are not continually touching things that other children have touched.



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DROP OFF / PICK UP TIMES

We will need to continue to stagger drop off and pickups to ensure we minimise contact between adults.

Drop off time	Morning Nursery pick up time	Reception – Y6 pick up time
8:30am	11am	3pm
8:40am	11:10am	3:10pm
8:50am	11:20am	3:20pm
9am	11:30am	3:30pm

DROP OFF / PICK UP POINTS

Newton Road Gate A

Newton Road Gate B

Castle Road

In line with Welsh Government and Local Authority guidelines, adults will not be permitted onto the school site, but can accompany their child/ren to their drop off/pick up points. Staff will meet children at their drop off and pick up points and see your child/ren safely into school. **You will receive an email in due course, which will tell you the time and place for your drop off and pick up.**

The school gates will be locked after drop off times and will be reopened at pick up times to prevent unnecessary visitors to the school site.

Please ensure that you are prompt picking up/dropping off in your designated time slot to support us with observing social distancing. With so many more adults and children being at pick up and drop off points, this will be especially important.

Parents and carers will not be allowed to enter the school grounds or school buildings and all correspondence must be by telephone, dojo or email.




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FOOD

From 14th September, the school kitchen will be open and is able to provide hot meals. All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch for the first two weeks of term. Children will eat their packed lunches within their class or outside in their designated space.

WHAT TO BRING AND SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children will need to bring to school as little as possible each day - drinks bottle, packed lunch and a healthy snack. The KS2 Healthy Tuck Shop will not be open in September.

Children will be expected to wear uniform in September.

Pupils in Reception – Year 6 need to bring their own stationery e.g. pencil, rubber, pen etc.

CLEANING AND HYGIENE

The cleaning regime in school will remain largely the same. Resources and the school building will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day.

Hand sanitiser will be available to all classes. Pupils and staff will be reminded to follow regular and thorough hygiene procedures.

Current advice is that it is not necessary to wear PPE- except for first aid; however we will continue to monitor the Welsh government position on this.

Some staff members may wear face coverings and/or gloves if they feel it is appropriate (e.g. if a child becomes ill or has an accident whilst at school).

SENDING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AND ATTENDANCE

All children will return to school in the autumn term, unless they have a medical/health reason not to.

Staff, children and parents should NOT attend the school if they have any symptoms or are self isolating due to symptoms in their household.




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If your child displays symptoms in school, they will be isolated within a safe space with a member of staff. Parents will be called and will be expected to pick up their child as soon as possible.

Children and staff who have been classed as clinically vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions and have been shielding should follow their doctor's advice on returning to school.

If a child or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable they should follow their doctor's advice on returning to school.

As a parent myself, I can fully appreciate that you will have your own views, opinions and concerns about the Welsh Government's decision for all children to return to school in September and the impact it will have on your own family situation. School reopening in June and July was not easy, however by working together I think we can agree that it has been a huge success - all the children came in smiling! By continuing to communicate effectively and address any issues and queries you have, I am sure that September will also be a success.

Thank you for taking the time to read this very long letter! This continues to be an evolving situation and should there be any further developments over the summer break, we will keep you informed. As always, thanks for your continued support for Oystermouth Primary School.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and relaxing summer!

Caroline Morgan

Mrs. C. M. Morgan
Headteacher



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