

Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome back all of our children to school on Monday 15th March. It seems such a long time since all of the children were in school. The 'HUB' provision will obviously cease and normal Breakfast Club (booking via ParentPay essential for arrival before 8.30am) and After School Club (ends at 5.15) will continue to support our parents.



Newsletter

		Arrival	Departure
Foundation	Reception	9.00	3.20
Phase	Year 1	8.50	3.10
Yard	Year 2	8.40	3.00
Кеу	Year 3	9.10	3.30
Stage	Year 4	9.00	3.20
Тwo	Year 5	8.50	3.10
Yard	Year 6	8.40	3.00

In order to limit mixing on the yard we will have staggered arrivals and departure times. Thank you for **not arriving more than 5 minutes** before your given time.

All children will need to be dropped off and collected on their usual yard; there will be an adult on each yard to welcome the children.

If you have children in more than one year group please arrive to drop off or collect at the *earliest child's time*. Teachers have been given a list of children to expect to arrive early in the morning and to leave early in the afternoon. We will arrange for all siblings to be on their yard at the end of the day at the same time. Please go on to the Foundation Phase yard to collect Foundation Phase children before collecting Key Stage 2 children from their yard.

As previously, children should not bring belongings and bags into school except lunch bags and filled water bottles.

We understand that children may have grown out of school uniform and it is very difficult to buy clothes at the moment. Please could children wear school uniform if possible. If this is not possible, children may wear other clothes. Please make sure that clothes are practical rather than a fashion statement! Please remember that we are trying to teach lessons outside as much as we can at the moment in all weathers!

I am really sorry to 'nag' but I must remind you once again that you that *all parents must leave the school site as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child*. It is important if you have siblings with you that they *stay by your side*. We continue to work very hard to ensure that children and staff do not cross year group bubbles in school time to reduce risks. However, we still have a number playing on the yard together before and after school. Children *must not* do this. Children must not play on the equipment on the yard.

I also need to remind you that it is against the rules for children to be mixing outside of school, *even with children in their class*. We have even had some children in school talking about meeting up after school or even having sleepovers with their friends!

I know that we are all fed up with rules and restrictions. I cannot wait for assemblies and singing in the hall, chatting to staff over lunch in the staffroom and hearing children playing together on the yard. However, it is clear that these measures are necessary to help beat this pandemic. I hope that we have seen the end of national lockdowns. We want our children all in school. We must keep going and sticking to the rules to ensure that we do all what we can to reduce the risks.

Thank you for playing your part and supporting us with our procedures. If you have any queries or questions about our plans and procedures please let us know.

If you would like more information about our school Risk Assessment for school or links to LA or WG Guidance please visit our school website.

Next term please look out for information regarding the changes to provision for Additional Learning Needs in Wales and in our school. These changes are major. The systems will be a much more parent wishes and child centred approach. It will be important to inform you of your rights and what you can expect. We will be producing an information leaflet and presenting the changes to parents next term. We are hoping to improve the grounds at the front of the school. I would be very grateful if you could avoid walking on the slopes between the carpark and the school building. We will soon have grass seed sown and we are buying planters to make the school look more inviting. Please help us to take care of them.

Please do not be offended if I ask you to park your car in a parking space. If I see anyone double-parked, I will ask politely you to move! I'm really not trying to be rude, bossy or difficult but the car park is such a dangerous place for our children. I have asked the staff to park in a particular area of the car park to keep a large area free for parents. We also have the bottom yard open for parking at the beginning and end of the day. If you cannot find a parking space please do park on the road of the cul-de-sac leading up to the school. I realise that this is quite inconvenient but better that than a child being run over.

Teachers will SeeSaw individual classes about when PE clothes should be worn. To ensure that bubbles and staff are kept separate we have had a few changes on the timetable for now.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the staff of our wonderful school. Their flexibility, resilience and passion over the past months has been second to none. It has been frustrating and a challenge at times to work in such a fluid environment of blended and face-to-face teaching and learning. All of the staff have gone over and above the expectations of their roles. It is clear that this is a school community of parents, staff and all stakeholders who care very much for our children and are determined to offer the very best provision for them.

Could I say a huge thank you to the PTFA for their contributions to the purchase of reading books and iPads. These new resources will make a big difference to our teaching and learning in school. It has been a difficult year for fundraising but this small group have worked innovatively to raise money to enable school to buy new resources for our children.

Best wishes,

(Headteacher)

Contact us: 01873 853746

26th March: End of Spring Term Monday 12th April: Start of Summer Term Monday 3rd May: May Day Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June: Half Term Friday 18th June: Teacher Training 19th, 20th July: Teacher Training 20th July: End of Summer Term