



16th June 2020

I hope that you and your family are keeping as safe and well as possible during these difficult times. We are really missing the children in school and are looking forward to welcoming them back and having some life back in the building!

Can I once again thank you for the support you are giving your child / children - the photos, videos and messages on SeeSaw have really kept us going!

Following the release of the Welsh Government (WG) guidance regarding the reopening of schools I am now in the process of organising the school day in line with that guidance. I am working very closely with other Cluster Heads, the Local Authority and GwE to ensure we cover all aspects:

<https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-keep-education-safe-covid-19>

I will make sure I do everything I can to keep all the children and staff as safe as possible during their short return to school.

The Risk Assessment has been approved by the Governing Body and is being audited by the Local Authority and the school is being set up to welcome children back.

Parents/Carers and pupils will be expected to adhere to social distancing when arriving and leaving the school site. There will be a one-way system in place and staff will be outside to help. Mr Williams is preparing a video to explain this.

School sessions will have staggered start and finish times and may not be the traditional 9.00am-3.00pm days i.e the day may be shorter. It will be very much appreciated if everyone arrives and is collected at their allocated drop off / pick up time.

Although there is a recognition that primary school children will not always stay two metres apart, all staff will be encouraging this where possible. Desks have been set apart at 2 metre distances in all classes.

The children, along with a dedicated member of staff, will be kept in small 'bubbles' (max 8) with minimal contact with other children and staff. Each bubble will have a dedicated entry and exit door to enter and leave the school. They will spend all time in class together, spend breaks and lunch together, and each bubble will be using dedicated toilets and sinks and outdoor space.

The children will be expected to wash their hands regularly. Hand sanitiser will also be available in all classes.

Each child will have their own tray of equipment to reduce the sharing of resources to a minimum.

Each 'bubble' will have their own set of outdoor play equipment.

A free school packed lunch will be provided to all children returning to school. The children may bring a water bottle to school.

There will be no need to wear school uniform but the children will need to wear fresh, comfortable clothing each day suitable for the outdoors. They will need a waterproof coat and a sunhat and sun-cream, if appropriate.

Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum. Parents and visitors will not be admitted into the school building. Please telephone or email school with any queries.

A one-way system will be operating for the corridors. This will be happening while the Childcare Hub is running alongside in a similar way; this bubble will be accommodated in the Fun Club area and will have their own facilities.

Due to Health and Safety guidance children and staff in the Childcare Hub are unable to re-join their year group to 'Catch up, Check in and Prepare' i.e. if your child attends the Childcare Hub they will not also be able to attend the school sessions. I know this may come as a disappointment to some children and I truly do sympathise with them. Unfortunately, we are duty bound to stick to the clear advice given and the WG published guidance with regards to minimising groups of children and staff mixing. This is simply to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

All children who have registered to return to school will receive 4 sessions, one day per week either Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Where possible, siblings are invited to attend school sessions on the same day to reduce unnecessary travel.

Tuesday and Thursday will be used to deep clean the classrooms. Having adequate time for the school to be cleaned thoroughly for each new group is a major part of the school plans. Childcare will continue on these days for vital key workers.

Teachers will continue to provide online learning activities via SeeSaw for all pupils until 24th July.

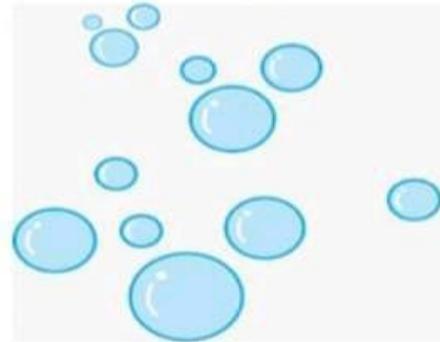
Throughout this week and early next week, you will receive SeeSaw messages / emails to confirm the times that your child / children have been offered, along with any other important information regarding the reopening of Ysgol Trelawnyd.

Thank you so much for your continued support during these very difficult times.

Kind regards, Marina Parsons

What is a School 'Bubble'?

When we go back to school my teacher said I will be in a Bubble.



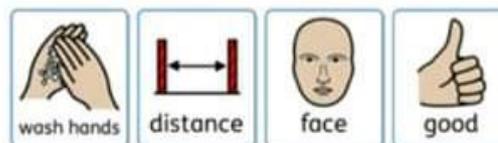
This is strange - but it doesn't mean a real bubble. At school we are going to stay in the same small group of people all through the school day.



We are going to stay together to work, play and eat our snacks and lunch. We will use the same toilets and sink as the people in our group.



They have called it a 'Bubble' because we are being protected by not doing things with other groups. (Like being inside a Bubble - even though we are not in a real bubble!)



It is good to remember that washing our hands, staying apart from other 'bubbles' of children and not touching our face are good ways to keep us all safe.

Well done me! I am brilliant.

