



9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The Education Minister has announced today that the Autumn term in Wales will start on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Schools will return to full capacity by 14<sup>th</sup> September with only limited social distancing within 'contact groups' i.e. the class group, however adults will be expected to observe any social distancing guidelines in place.

Schools will be required to take steps to lower the risk of transmission and we will continue to review risk assessments and mitigate with controls such as hand and surface hygiene, good cleaning regimes and by implementing one-way systems and social distancing where necessary.

Schools will work with the Local Authority over the Summer to develop operational plans to welcome pupils back to school. Full and updated operational and learning guidance for September will be published next week which will enable us to make these plans more robust. We are awaiting further guidance on Nursery provision.

Feedback of children returning during the past fortnight has been overwhelmingly positive and we will endeavour to build upon our new routines and procedures. Our school has been filled with smiles and the building is alive once more!

I would like to reiterate how grateful I am for your support and say a huge thank you to you as parents and also to the staff. We appreciate the support and kind messages we have received from so many and I am humbled by the dedication I can see from the staff.

I will share information and guidance from Welsh Government and the Local Authority as it is received during the next few weeks. Please keep an eye on the Local Authority's website [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk) for further information and look out for direct communications from school via SeeSaw, email and the Facebook page. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Gweithio gyda'n gilydd,

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