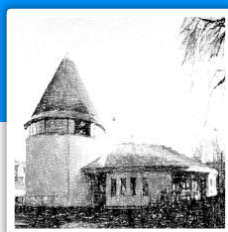


Priory Church in Wales Primary School Newsletter

‘Celebrating Imagination, Creativity and Belief’ PARTIAL RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS JUNE 29TH, 2020



Dear Parents,

I am writing to you all today to outline the plans of partially re-opening the school on June 29th. I appreciate and understand your concerns regarding your child returning to school, I hope that this information sheet will help in some way and answer any questions you may have. Of course, if you still have concerns, then please email me on pennaeth@priory.powys.sch.uk or I will be in school every day from Thursday 18th June onwards, please telephone on 01874 623549 and I will be available to speak to you.

When we re-open on June 25th we will be offering two different types of provision. A ‘check-in’ session with a teacher in small groups of up to 8 children in a class and Emergency Childcare Provision for key worker children. We are strictly limited to the number of children we can accommodate on site each day so, please be patient and understand that we may not be able to accommodate your personal requirements.

For the ‘check-in’ session with a teacher, each child will be offered one day a week, times and dates will be emailed and a text message will come to you next week. If you have indicated that you wish for your child to attend these sessions and have not heard anything by Thursday 25th June, then please email / telephone me directly. Likewise, if you have said that you do not want your child to return to school and change your mind then please contact us and we will try our best to re-arrange that week’s timetable to enable them to attend. Please do not just ‘turn up at the gate’ if you have not been notified of a date / time, as you will be turned away.

For childcare hub provision, bookings are to be made centrally via Powys County Council on <https://en.powys.gov.uk/emergencyhubs>. Powys County Council have released a press statement making it clear that if your child has not accessed the HUB through the months of March - end of May you will not be eligible to apply for a place in the Hub for these last four weeks of term. There is a limit on the number of places we can cater for and, if you are not booked in, then your child will not be able to attend. When we reach our capacity in the childcare HUB then you will be directed to a different HUB. Please check every week you have a confirmation email from Powys County Council confirming your child has a place. The timing of these sessions are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. please ensure you pick your child up promptly at 4:30 pm as there will be no provision made after this time.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information to take in on this letter, if you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Presently our school is used as a HUB for children across the cluster, those children will be returning to their own schools on June 25th, this will then enable us to set up the school to open on Monday 29th June. On Thursday 25th we will make a short video that day showing where the entrances will be, saying ‘hello’ to the children etc. and it will be posted on FACEBOOK and a link sent via text message. Play this to your children before they return to reassure them as much as you can.








We simply can’t wait to see them all - we have missed each and every one of them.

Take care

Lynsey McCrohon

Key organisational points

When considering the organisation, we have taken account of current guidance from Welsh Government, Powys County Council and Public Health Wales. Organisation may need to alter if guidance changes over the coming weeks. A full coronavirus risk assessment has been completed.

<p>Cohort 'bubbles'</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each child will be given the opportunity to attend one day per week for each of the 4 weeks. Family groups will be accommodated on the same day. Parents will be informed individually, to avoid GDPR issues, about the day their child can attend for their check in session each week. This day will remain the same on each of the 4 weeks. Parents will be notified by text and by email. At all times, children will remain in the same group with the same staff each week to avoid cross contamination. All cohort bubbles will be with the same member of staff during the day.
<p>Medical information</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with shielding letters must not attend school. Public Health Wales guidelines will be followed for all vulnerable groups. If you are unsure if your child should attend, please follow the advice in the guidelines. https://gov.wales/guidance-shielding-and-protecting-people-defined-medical-grounds-extremely-vulnerable-coronavirus-0 All parents will be required to sign that their child is not showing any signs of COVID 19 as they enter school daily. Any child showing symptoms will be isolated and will have to be collected from school immediately. Regular cleaning and wiping down of high touch areas will happen throughout the school day.
<p>Emergency Hub</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per Powys County Council guidance, shared on 12th June via FACEBOOK, text message and school website, only key worker and vulnerable children who have already accessed the hub up until the end of May will be able to attend. Additionally, children of education staff can now attend. All children must be booked in weekly using the Powys online booking in system. There is a limit to the number of key worker places we can offer. Children accessing the childcare Hub are to enter through the MAIN ENTRANCE of the school. Key Stage Two Hub will operate in the hall, Foundation Phase HUB will operate in our reception classroom. The Hub will operate from 8.30 – 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday. The doors will not open until 8:30 and children must be picked up by no later than 4:30 p.m. Please respect people's social distancing when dropping children off in the foyer. NO CHILDREN are to be left unattended in the foyer.
<p>Drop off/pick up</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is one of the big changes to dropping off your child at school. For those children accessing the 'check-in' session they will enter the school grounds via the gate next to the peace garden / tepee. A video will be released next week to show you all where this gate is. 'Check-in' children will also need to be collected at this gate on the time indicated on your email / text. Staggered times for all year groups, at 10-minute intervals. The gate near the tepee will be opened and your child will be met there. If you have a family group of children, then you will be given one time to drop them off together to save you waiting. Only one adult to drop off/pick up. You must stick to your allocated time slot to avoid groups forming. No parents to enter the school grounds with their children, except in exceptional circumstances. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please telephone the school office on 01874 623549. When able to the member of staff will telephone / email you back.
<p>Food/drink</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children to bring in packed lunches and fruit for snacks. Lunch boxes will be wiped on arrival. No meals are being provided by Powys Catering. Information regarding healthy lunchboxes will be displayed on our FACEBOOK page. Please can all children bring in their own water bottles. These will be wiped down on arrival. All food will be consumed outdoors / in their classrooms.
<p>Uniform</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform does not have to be worn. Please can all children return to school in freshly washed clothes. When leaving school, it is strongly advised that they remove their clothes and shower/bath in line with hygiene guidance to prevent transfer.
<p>Time in school</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The day will NOT be like a typical school day. The focus is on pupil well-being, catching up and checking how everyone is. They will play games, talk, sing and be outside as much as possible remaining within their own 'bubble'. We are very lucky at Priory to have such wonderful grounds, we will timetable each area so all children will have access to outside every single day they are in. Staff will continue to support home learning. Each child will be provided with their own equipment pack which only they will use when in school Children must not bring in unnecessary bags or toys. There will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club provision for the 4 weeks.

For further information: -

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/education-ministers-message-all-school-staff-wales>

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

