

# Home – School Agreement: September Return to School (COVID-19)

*Learning and Growing Together*



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This Home-School Agreement has been drafted to **clearly communicate expectations** relating to pupils, parents/carers and the school in the September return to school during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is vital that all stakeholders know what is expected to **safeguard the health, safety and well-being of everyone concerned** and to **maximise the learning opportunities for our pupils**.



Please refer to the Carmarthenshire 'Frequently Asked Questions' pages which may be able to support you with your queries:

[www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education).

## THE SCHOOL

### The school commits to:

- **Provide a safe and welcoming environment**, which has been **risk assessed** in response to the COVID-19 virus;
- **Create class bubbles** to reduce the movement of pupils and staff around the school. In these class bubbles we will focus on pupil well-being and strategies to improve future learning opportunities alongside Literacy and Numeracy development;
- **Follow Carmarthenshire County Council Risk Assessment Policy, in conjunction with the Welsh Government Guidance:** <https://gov.wales/keep-education-safe-operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-covid-19>;
- **Mitigate and reduce as many risks** as possible in our school setting;
- **Social Distancing** - We will do our utmost to adhere to, and enforce, social distancing rules in and around school where appropriate;
- **Designate drop off and collection points** for the start and end of the day;
- **Stagger times for** arrival and departure for different groups and families and staggered break times;
- **Hand Washing**- Pupils and staff will be required to wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day. Correct hand washing will be modelled and supervised by staff, in an age-appropriate manner. In addition, dedicated hand sanitising stations will be available around school.
- **Classrooms** – Every classroom will be set up in accordance to Welsh Government guidance. Older children will be allocated a space on a desk which is forward facing and will need to work within this space as much as possible. Foundation Phase pupils will resume their active learning in a room set up for this style of learning. Each child will be given a pack of resources in school, solely for their use. Please **do not send in unnecessary items** from home.
- **Cleaning:** Cleaning regimes will be rigorous, with regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, door handles, toilets, etc. There will be a cleaner on site throughout the day.
- **Clothing/uniform:** The school **does** expect pupils to wear uniform from 7<sup>th</sup> September. Ideally, clothing worn to school should be washed on returning home.
- **Food and drink:** The school kitchen will open on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September and the class bubbles will eat in the hall in separate sittings. Before this date ALL pupils will need a packed lunch every day. Pupils will need to bring a water bottle every day and there will be facilities for filling them if they need more.
- **Attendance:** All pupils will be required to attend school from 14th September 2020, unless there are valid medical reasons not to. School **will no longer continue to routinely provide online work** in September. This will be regularly reviewed and updated according to local circumstances.
- **Risk Assessment:** The school will ask parents to carry out a health risk assessment **before** pupils return to school in September. This does not need to be completed daily, **but will need to be updated if your child or family's health/circumstances change**. It is vital that the school is informed of any changes which are linked to symptoms or risks associated with COVID-19.
- **Symptomatic Pupils:** The school will contact parents/carers of a child who displays symptoms of COVID-19 and parents will be expected to collect children from school immediately;
- **Isolation Space:** If a pupil shows symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in school, there will be an isolation space made available for them.
- **Track, Trace and Protect:** If any member of staff or pupil becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms during school hours, the school will immediately contact **Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222**. **NB. If this occurs during the summer holidays, or out of school hours,**

parents should immediately report this by calling 0300 333 2222 or by emailing [TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk](mailto:TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk) (24 hour service).

- **PPE:** Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn by staff, as advised by Welsh Government, e.g. to administer first aid, assistance with toileting, and where bespoke packages of care and support dictate this is necessary.
- **Face coverings:** Secondary school pupils will be required to wear face coverings on school transport and in school indoor communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained, unless they have a medical exemption.
- **Transport:** School transport will be provided to all eligible pupils who have been through the application process and are unable to make their own way to school.
- **Provide key experiences:** We will do our utmost to offer an **engaging, broad and balanced curriculum**, with a particular focus on **pupil wellbeing**. For more details, please see Welsh Government learning guidance: <https://gov.wales/guidance-learning-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

## PARENTS / CARERS

**Parents/carers are required to respect and adhere to guidance set out by Welsh Government, the Local Authority and the school, in order to ensure staff, pupils and their communities remain as safe as possible.**

**Families are required to reflect on their child/ren's health daily in the form of an individual risk assessment. Please DO NOT send any children to school who:**

- Feel unwell;
- Have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- Live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive to COVID-19, in the past 14 days;

Parents/carers should **agree to the following:**

- I will check my child for symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis, before bringing them to school.
- I will immediately inform the school of any changes to my child's health, so that the risk assessment can be updated.
- I will support school staff in their efforts to create a safe environment during this crisis by following school and government guidance in minimising any possible risk;
- In the event of another local lockdown, I will support my child with their learning at home, in line with the school's expectations;
- **Track, Trace and Protect:** If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately and follow the guidance for TTP;
- In this instance, or if anyone in my household shows symptoms of COVID-19, we will self-isolate, in line with TTP guidance;
- If my child becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms out of school hours or during holidays, I will immediately report this by calling **0300 333 2222**, or by emailing [TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk](mailto:TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk)
- For information on how to apply for a test for yourself or someone in your household with symptoms including children under 5, please visit the Welsh Government website.
- I will let the school know results of testing, as soon as possible;
- When dropping my child off and collecting, I will adhere to the allocated time and 2 metre social distancing rules and arrange for only 1 person to collect each family. I will wait at the designated drop off/collection points;
- I will remind my child about social distancing rules and encourage this practice as far as possible, according to their age and ability;

- My child will wash their hands before coming to school and every effort will be made to provide clean clothes each day;
- I will ensure I have activated my child's Parent Pay account and/or sent my child with a packed lunch and water bottle;
- I will not send my child to school with any unnecessary items;
- I will not enter the school building without an invitation. If I need to talk to my child's teacher, I will phone, email or leave a message with the member of staff at the drop off/pick up point;
- If my child's behaviour is deemed unsafe/not following the rules, I will collect him/her as soon as possible. I agree that he/she will undertake supported home learning, until it is agreed that he/she can return to school safely.

**PUPILS**

**I will do my best to:**

- Take care of myself and others;
- Engage with the learning experiences, in line with the school's expectations;
- Tell an adult if I feel unwell;
- Follow all hygiene and safety rules in class, around school and in the outdoors;
- Only bring necessary things into school from home;
- Only use the equipment provided to me by school and keep belongings carefully in my own space;
- Stay safe with the pupils in my group or 'bubble';
- Only enter and exit the school building from the designated location and adhere to the 'movement around school' systems/signage;
- Be safe - coughing and sneezing into a tissue - '**catch it-bin it-kill it**', using the correct bin for tissues (or cough/sneeze into elbow, if no tissue available);
- Follow good hand hygiene – use soap and water for 20 seconds using the correct technique / use hand sanitiser;
- Behave well at all times to maintain the safety of myself and others;
- Understand that opportunities to come to school could be restricted if I do not behave safely in the school environment;
- Let others know how I am feeling;
- Listen carefully and follow instructions;
- Speak and move calmly around school;
- Be kind, friendly and respectful of others.
- **Face Coverings- age 11 and over only:** I agree to wear a face covering on school transport;
- Follow school expectations to the best of my ability.

**Parent / Carer signature:** ..... **Date**.....

**Pupil signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Headteacher signature:**  **Date: 04/09/2020**

