

How often will my child be in school?

In Powys, all schools will be open from Thursday 3rd September.

On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, pupils in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 should be in school. This is to allow them to 'meet' their new teacher as we were unable to hold 'moving up' days.

From Monday 7th September ALL pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies.

What if I choose not to send my child to school?

Attendance at school will be compulsory.

If a learner lives in a household with someone who is at increased risk or is 'shielding', they should only attend a school or setting where they are strictly able to adhere to the social/physical distancing measures and the learner is able to understand and follow those instructions.

If you believe your child falls into this category, please contact the school to discuss further options.

What if my child needs to stay at home?

If current guidance means that your child is unable to attend school (for example, a household member shows symptoms) the school will provide work for your child that must be completed. If your child is not engaging with schoolwork given, the Educational Welfare Officer will be notified.

What will happen if my child or other children/staff show symptoms of the virus?

By attending school, you are declaring that your child and all other people in your household have **NO** symptoms of the virus – see below. If anybody shows symptoms during the day, they will be isolated immediately, and parents notified for them to be collected as soon as possible. National guidance will be followed to control the spread of the virus.



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What are the current guidelines on symptoms of the virus?

Under **no** circumstances should learners or staff attend school if they:

- feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, or a high temperature or loss of or change to their sense of taste or smell) or they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 7 days
- live in a household or are part of an extended household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

How will social distancing rules be kept?

Pupils will be organised into 'bubbles'. Current guidance does not require 2m distance between pupils within their bubble. All staff will continue to maintain their 2m distancing where possible from pupils and other adults. Children may sit side by side with another pupil but will not sit facing each other. There will be a limited number of resources in each class to maintain high standards of hygiene. Each group of children will have sole use of their own area of the school.

Please talk to your child about social distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene (coughing into a tissue, etc.) before they come to school to help them understand.

Outside spaces will be utilised as much as possible.

Where should I drop my child off and collect them from school?

Children will enter through the top pedestrian gate (into the Foundation Phase outdoor area) and be directed to their designated entrance. Access to classrooms is from 8:40am and registration is at 8:50am. Parents must not enter the playground and should email or ring school to pass on messages. Gates and external doors will be locked from 8:50am in line with our Safeguarding Policy. If you arrive after 8:50am, please come to the front door. Children will be collected from the bottom gate (adjacent to the community centre) at 3:15pm. Please maintain 2m social distancing when dropping off or collecting your child.

Will Breakfast Club be running?

Breakfast Club will be provided in school (not the Community Centre) from 7:50-8:40am. Pupils entering school before this time will be marked as attending. Access to Breakfast Club is through the top pedestrian gate into the school library. Class 'bubbles' will be kept separate within Breakfast Club. There is a £2 charge for attending breakfast Club, payable through Parent Pay in advance.

How will break times be arranged?

Break times will be staggered to minimise the number of pupils on the playground at one time and to help maintain distancing between bubbles whilst playing. Each class will have their own set of playtime resources.

What does my child need to wear to school?

From September all pupils should wear their school uniform. Please ensure school sweatshirts are labelled. If your child has footwear with laces, please ensure they can tie them without help. Long hair should be tied up.

On the days your child has PE, they should wear their PE kit to school. Further details will be in the first newsletter in September.



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How will handwashing and toilet areas be organised?

Each bubble of children will use a separate toilet block from all other groups of children in school. Toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Only one child will be allowed in the toilet at any time.

Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly throughout the day including on arrival, before and after break, lunchtimes, toileting and before leaving school. There may be times that hand sanitizer is used. If your child is unable to use hand sanitizer (*e.g. skin allergy, etc.*) please contact the school.

How many children will be in a 'bubble' with my child? Each class will form an individual bubble. There will be 3 bubbles in school.

Will my child be able to mix with their sibling?

As far as possible pupils in separate bubbles will not mix in school. However, if a younger sibling (for example in Reception) is hurt/upset, it may be best for that child's well-being that an older sibling is allowed to comfort them. This will be considered on an individual basis.

What can my child bring to school?

Your child will need their book bag (this will be given to new starters on their first day), snack (fruit), filled water bottle, sun hat and a coat. They should not bring anything else into school. If your child forgets anything, please bring it to the school front door. Pupils should **not** bring a pencil case in September. All stationery will be provided.

What will my child eat when in school?

At lunchtimes each bubble will have an allocated area of the dining room for those having school dinners. Pupils eating packed lunches will eat them in their classroom.

Milk will be provided for all pupils in the Foundation Phase in the morning. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please contact the school.