

Welcome

This week we have welcomed 9 new pupils to Forden School. We hope they make lifelong friendships, realise their dreams and fulfil their potential during their time with us.

Showing Symptoms

As stated in previous information, it is vitally important that if any pupil or staff member displays any of the symptoms of COVID 19, they **do not** attend school and follow the appropriate isolation and testing guidance procedures.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature: this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste: this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If an individual has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested or to self-isolate.

We will be erring on the side of caution when it comes to symptoms displayed in school. If a pupil displays any symptoms in school you will be contacted to collect them from school immediately. **This will be applied rigorously in all circumstances and we ask for your total compliance and support in this matter.**

GDPR - Privacy Policy

Please follow the link to see our updated [Privacy Policy](#). This has been amended to include information in response to COVID 19. This policy is also available on the school website under documents.

School Cleaner Vacancy

In order to deliver an enhanced cleaning regime, there is a vacancy for a school cleaner, 1 hour per day/5 days per week until March 31st. This will be during the school day. Please email or phone the school for further details. Closing date for applications is Friday 11th September.

Social Distancing

Please ensure that you maintain social distancing of 2m (3 steps) at the school gates when dropping off or collecting your child.

If you bring items for your child to the front door, you will be asked to put them on the top of the school post box rather than handing them to a member of staff. This is to ensure staff can maintain their social distance at all times.

Hand sanitizer

The school has adequate supplies of hand sanitizer that is suitable for use in schools. Children should not bring their own in to school.

Water Bottles

Pupils will need water to drink during the day. Please do not send squash or fruit juice to drink during lesson time. A separate drink can be included in their lunch box if required.

Wellies

All pupils in Dosbarth Bedwen and Dosbarth Collen will need a change of footwear (wellies or old trainers) that can be kept in school in a bag on their peg.

Maths Booklets

All pupils who had a new Mental Maths booklet before the summer will need these in school from Monday.

Returning reading books.

All reading books that were taken home before the summer need to be returned on Monday please.

School Photos

Following guidance received yesterday, there will no school photographs taken this term.

Milk bottle lids

Please continue to collect milk bottle lids – all colours. These will be used by pupils in Dosbarth Bedwen and Dosbarth Ysgawen in their outdoor learning areas. Thank you.

Lexia

Pupils from Y2 upwards are able to access Lexia again. They will be given their updated log in details and passwords when they come into school.

School Website

Any information/advice sent out through this newsletter is also available through the school website http://www.forden.powys.sch.uk/en_GB/blog/useful-links-for-parents

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th October
Monday 2nd November

Break up for half term **(2 weeks)**
Return to school