

## Return to school

We were very pleased to welcome all pupils back this week. We also welcome Ffion who has joined us in Year 6. The pupils have adapted well to the new routines in school (including lots of handwashing) and the differences at break and lunchtimes.

## PE kits

Pupils in Dosbarth Collen & Ysgawen will need to come to school in their PE kit on Monday with their school sweatshirt/cardigan on top.

## Outdoor learning

Pupils in all classes will be completing learning tasks outdoors whenever possible and will need a coat in school every day. If the forecast is correct for the coming week, they will also need a sunhat/cap. If your child needs sun screen, please apply it before they come to school.

Pupils in Dosbarth Bedwen and Dosbarth Collen should have a change of footwear that remains in school (wellies or similar). Please encourage your child to be independent in putting on and taking off their own shoes including fastening any straps, buckles or laces.

## Emergency contact forms

Thank you to parents who have completed and returned these already. All outstanding forms must be returned by tomorrow. Thank you

## Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school before 9:00am with the reason for their absence. This contact can be by phone or email using the school office email address ([office@forden.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office@forden.powys.sch.uk)).

## COVID\_19 - Showing Symptoms

It is vitally important that any pupil or staff member displaying any of the symptoms of COVID\_19 **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.**

## Continuity of Education

If pupils are off school due to self-isolation guidance, their teacher will set work for them that must be completed at home. Initially this will be emailed to their Hwb email address (Collen and Ysgawen) or to their parent's email address (Bedwen). Please help your child to access this work.

**Lexia**

All pupils from Year 2 upwards should have their new login details for Lexia. If not, please let their teacher know.

**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/](http://www.forden.powys.sch.uk/en_GB/blog/useful-links-for-parents/)

**Dates for your diary**

Friday 16th October Break up for half term (2 weeks)

Monday 2nd November Return to school