

Living and Learning
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this finds you and your families in good health. I would like to update you on the plans for a return to school as far as we possibly can at the moment.

The long-awaited guidance from Welsh Government was published on Wednesday June 10th (<https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-keep-education-safe-covid-19>).

The two key documents for us are the operational guidance and the learning guidance. Essentially, the operational guidance is intended to help schools regarding hygiene, social distancing, self-isolation and testing if a person shows symptoms. The learning guidance allows for flexibility in its application. This guidance looks at supporting health and wellbeing, developing learning experiences, and discussions with parents and learners. There is confirmation in the guidance that capacity decisions will be decided locally and this is very much about a slow and cautious build up over time.

From Monday 22nd we will re-open for the pupils who have been attending the hub school facility at St Mark's School. From Monday June 29th all pupils will have the opportunity to attend school for a day a week in small groups – 'bubbles'. Class teachers will be in touch shortly to communicate which day your child will attend. The Haverfordwest cluster of schools will be issuing detailed guidance this week addressing all elements of a return to school. Tomorrow morning we will have a site visit with the School Organisation Team. They will look at the entry and exit arrangements as well as provision for school meals. We are currently in the process of clearing any unnecessary furniture and classroom equipment and ensuring the appropriate levels of cleanliness.

If you are returning to work in a school yourself, but haven't so far attended the hub school, then please make sure that bookings are completed by Thursday this week. This can be done on the PCC website. Unfortunately, this term there will be no provision for nursery children to attend.

The governing body remain in close touch and wish to convey their appreciation of all that you have taken on in terms of support for your children's learning and wellbeing. Stay safe – stay in touch – keep smiling.

Mrs Roberts