

'Living and Learning in the Light of Christ'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see attached information regarding the foundation phase return to school during the week commencing 22.2.21. Due to Pembrokeshire County Council announcing a planning day for all schools, we need to postpone our planned INSET day to Thursday 25th March, we are adding it onto the already planned Diocesan INSET Day on the 26th March. Therefore, there will now be provision for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers on Monday 22nd February.

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Dydd Llun Monday 22 nd February	Planning Day for all Pembrokeshire Schools
Dydd Mawrth Tuesday 23 rd February	Group A All full-time pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes
Dydd Mercher Wednesday 24 th February	Group B Morning and afternoon pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes
Dydd Iau Thursday 25 th February	Group C All full-time pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes
Dydd Gwener Friday 26 th February	Group D Morning and afternoon pupils from Dosbarth Solva, Dosbarth Amroth, Dosbarth Little Haven & Dosbarth Marloes

Your child's class teacher will inform you of which group your child is in and therefore which day your child will be in school. We have decided to split each class into four to ensure a smooth transition back to school for our youngest learners. Your child will be reminded of school routines, our expectations and with the main focus being on wellbeing. Our families have had such varied experiences of lockdown; some have had more traumatic

experiences than others and we want to ensure every child is cared for, listened to and have the support they need on return to school. We believe this is more achievable in smaller groups. In some classes there will be some new faces, both children and staff, so we would like to ensure all children are comfortable in their new surroundings.

Please find the staggered start and finish times below, they are exactly as they were before Christmas, just a reminder as it was such a long time ago! Please make every effort to arrive at the given time. Arriving too early may cause congestion on site and too late will mean that your child misses the important welcome back and checking in that will take place when all pupils are in class. If your child has been attending the hub provision they may continue to do so if there are no other arrangements for safe supervision at home. Hub arrangements are unchanged and these children will continue to come through the front door. However, as staff return to their classroom duties there will now be a very limited number of children who we can take, and pupils will be prioritised. There is also a plea from the council on the link below:

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/please-dont-use-schools-as-a-creche-urges-council>

During the first week back there will be no online learning for foundation phase learners in addition to the day your child attends the school setting. Therefore, there will be no expectation that work will be completed at home. Staff will be very much focused on the pupils who attend school each day and revising arrangements for the safe return of pupils the following week. From parent feedback we know that the grids of activities provided have been well received. Therefore, the foundation phase staff will send these out in the first week as support to families if you need some activities to maintain a structure. In addition, please find links to various sites on our Spring Term Newsletter that you could use if you wish: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/lRegjTrLjTyMB/>

When attending the school site, you are reminded that face coverings must be worn, and every effort must be made to socially distance. There is no requirement for pupils to wear face coverings. There will only be breakfast club for pupils attending the hub during the first week back.

From Monday 1st March all Foundation Phase pupils will return to full days. There is still no news on the return of KS2 pupils. As soon as we hear any news, we will continue to update you.

Thank you all for your efforts in keeping your child/ren engaged with school life during this time. It has been a difficult time for everyone, I continue to keep our school community in my prayers. I am also very thankful for our hard working and dedicated staff; throughout this time, they have continued to put the children above all else. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the half-term break.

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Miss Mansfield

Class	Drop off time	Entry/Exit	Pick up time
Nursery (am)	09:00	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	11:50
Nursery (pm)	13:00	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	15:00
Reception	09:05	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	14:55
Year 1	09:10	The small side gate - please line up to the left of the school as usual	15:05
Year 2	09:05	The front door - please line up alongside the offices as usual	15:00