



TREWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

VITAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS FOR SPRING TERM 2022

This leaflet contains a range of information that is extremely important.

We ask all our parents and carers to read this information carefully.

Due to rising cases of Covid, school has been instructed to revert to operating under 'very high' risk measures, and to be prepared for possible home learning in the event of class closures due to Covid cases or staff shortages. Further information can be found on the following links:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation>

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-return-schools-and-colleges>

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-prioritising-pcr-testing>

NO PUPIL OR ADULT DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS SHOULD ATTEND THE SCHOOL SITE, HOWEVER MILD THE SYMPTOMS MAY BE.

The 3 main symptoms are a new continuous cough, a temperature or a loss/change to taste or smell. However, the new variants often have a wider range of symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache. Please be cautious.

ANY PUPIL DISPLAYING THE 3 MAIN SYMPTOMS DURING THE DAY MUST BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY.

In bringing my child to school I understand that:






- ❖ I will support the school with the procedures put in place;
- ❖ **School will use email to communicate information, and it is my responsibility to ensure that I provide a working email and check it regularly;**
- ❖ the school may make changes to this information as guidance is updated.

What is school doing to keep my child safe?



The school:

- ✓ has completed a full Covid-19 risk assessment which is kept under weekly review;
- ✓ takes account of all relevant guidance from Welsh Government and the local authority. This is subject to change as the situation progresses;
- ✓ has put in place changes to the environment, staffing and procedures in school to reduce possible contact to the lowest practical level. This includes seating plans for older pupils during class and for all pupils at lunchtime;
- ✓ continues to implement a strong regime of handwashing of pupils – on arrival, before leaving and at key points throughout the day such as before and after eating, after using resources;
- ✓ limits visitors to the building, unless they are necessary to building maintenance or to the welfare and education of a pupil. Visitors will sanitise hands, wear a face covering and adhere to physical distancing;
- ✓ has implemented a cleaning programme, which includes cleaning of high touch surfaces and areas such as tables, door handles, toilets and sinks, during the day, as well as an end of day clean;
- ✓ will clean and wipe shared resources as often as is practical;
- ✓ has sourced PPE, and has procedures in place for its use: when administering First Aid, supporting a pupil with intimate care (e.g. following a toileting accident), or dealing with a suspected case.

<p>Class closures</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is preparing for the possibility of class closures due to Covid cases or staff shortages. • Email is the main channel of communication with families • If a class or classes have to close, school will do everything possible to offer places to vulnerable pupils or the children of key workers in those classes. • Learning activities will be provided online during any period of closure, subject to staffing availability. 		
<p>School Site</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one way system will be in place through the site and where possible indoors • Face coverings must be worn (unless exempt) • Maintain 2m social distance and do not gather • Drop off and pick up times will remain as they are, as there are multiple doors in use to ensure spacing 		
<p>Breakfast Club</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will endeavour to keep breakfast club open, as it provides a key service to our working families, and in the provision of breakfast for pupils. • Pupils will sit in class groups in breakfast club. • Pupils will need to be booked in via the online form as usual (this is emailed out weekly) 		
<p>What does my child need?</p> 	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>If required – a packed lunch Fruit/veg for snacks. Water bottle. Book bag DO NOT send any other items or toys.</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>What should my child wear? School uniform PE days: PE kit with warm leggings/tracksuit bottoms A warm, waterproof coat with a hood</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>If required – a packed lunch Fruit/veg for snacks. Water bottle. Book bag DO NOT send any other items or toys.</p>	<p>What should my child wear? School uniform PE days: PE kit with warm leggings/tracksuit bottoms A warm, waterproof coat with a hood</p>
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<p>LFD testing, Positive Cases and Isolation</p> 	<p>The procedures for identifying cases and isolation requirements have changed a lot. A brief summary of the current situation as of 5th January 2022 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All staff are offered LFD tests 3 times a week, as are secondary school aged pupils. ○ If an LFD test is positive and the person has no symptoms, this currently does not have to be confirmed with a follow up PCR test unless there is a medical reason for doing so e.g. a person is clinically vulnerable. ○ If pupils aged 5 or over are identified as a close contact of a positive case, it is strongly advised that they take an LFD test every day for 7 days. They do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms or have a positive LFD test result. ○ Fully vaccinated adults are also strongly advised to contact test for 7 days if identified as a contact. However, unvaccinated adults who are identified as contacts are still required to self isolate for 10 days with an LFD test on day 2 and day 8. ○ LFD tests are available through local pharmacies, libraries or to order online. Schools will be provided with a small number of test kits for pupils which are to be used when kits are not available from other outlets. <p>Please refer to the Welsh Government website links on page one for updated information.</p>		

**Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these unprecedented times.
It is much appreciated by Team Treowen.**