

Ysgol Gynradd Santes Anne St Anne's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to a new academic year. It has been lovely to see so many children returning to school over the last 2 weeks, beautifully dressed in their uniform and eager to learn. They have adapted very quickly to a new routine and most children seem happy to be back!

On Monday 14th September, ALL children will be expected to return to school. We appreciate that for some children (and parents/carers) it might be an anxious time returning to school after such a long time at home. I hope that I am able to reassure you that with all the procedures we have in place the school is Covid secure.

Children will be expected to wash their hands frequently during the school day and to hand sanitize too when required. Children are placed in class bubbles so they don't mix with others in the hall or corridors etc. Playtimes are staggered and we are using the field at lunchtime break where there is lots of place to encourage social distancing. All lunches are eaten in the classrooms, where tables are sanitized before and after eating. We are very lucky too that each class bubble has access to their own toilet facilities, which are sanitized throughout the school day. Children are expected to wear PE kits to school on their PE day so they don't have to change during the school day.

We have also introduced staggered start and finish times for parents to drop off and collect. It is very important that you arrive at school ON time so that you are able to social distance. If you are early, please wait either in your car or at a safe distance away from the school gates. I will be at the main gate to welcome Year 3, 4 and 5 children into school. Parents will not need to come onto the school yard. I will ensure they get to their classes. Reception/Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 6 and Class 7 children will access school via the car park. Again, remember to social distance and get to us on time.

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Children are not expected to wear visors or masks although we will happily support if a child wishes to wear a face covering because they are anxious or if they have underlying health conditions. There is however very low risk for children contracting Covid 19. The following information has been taken from Welsh Government guidance:

"There is therefore no need to use personal protective equipment (PPE) when undertaking routine educational activities in classroom/school settings." Point 6 on the above document

"The Chief Medical Officer has been clear that there is weak evidence to support the widespread wearing of non-medical face coverings in the community particularly when rates of infection are low" Point 6 on the above document

And information taken from Public Health Wales states:

"We also know that the risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 is very low. Current evidence points to "Infection with SARS-CoV-2 appears to take a milder course in children than in adults: most infected children present with mild symptoms or are asymptomatic, and very few develop severe or life threatening disease"

During this time of the year, many of us will start catching coughs, colds and tummy bugs. Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell, even if it's not Covid related. This will ensure that germs are not spread to others.

If your child or a member of the family displays ANY of the following symptoms of Covid, your child/children must not attend school:

1. High temperature
2. Persistent dry cough
3. Loss/or change to your sense of smell

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You are expected to isolate for 14 days if you are tested positive for Covid. If you are tested and you/your child is negative, you or your child will still need to remain at home for 10 days as symptoms had been displayed and there is chance that other symptoms may develop at a later date. I appreciate that this is difficult for working parents, however procedures are in place to keep staff and children safe. If a child develops symptoms in school, parents and carers will be contacted immediately. Please ensure we have up to date contact numbers so that we can speak to you as a matter of urgency. Any children isolating at home (that are well enough) will be able to access online learning provided by their class teachers. This will ensure that the children don't miss out on too much of their learning whilst isolating at home.

The staff and I look forward to welcoming all our children back to school next week. We have missed them all! We hope that we can still give them lots of wonderful opportunities to learn and to have fun.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Priest-Jones

Head teacher