

Class Formation

Where possible children will be taught by their class teacher. Staff are working in pods supporting one another with distance and blended learning. Children will be developing the home learning tasks that are being facilitated through Hub and School Dojo. We will ensure that during the school sessions learners will experience experiential activities, socialise with peers in preparation for transition and enhance learner dispositions. Allocated staff will remain with a group of children for that session. Each session will last the morning

Foundation Phase - 9am -1pm
Juniors - 9:15am -1:15pm.

Children will have 1 session every week.

Learning Zones/Pods

Each pod will be assigned an area to undertake their school session. Children will not be able to move between pods even if they are attending the Hub. A child cannot access the hub and their school session on the same day. We endeavour to utilise the outside areas as much as possible (weather depending) and areas will be zoned for each pod. Due to building work taken place, children will be using the junior yard and field when embracing the outdoors.

Who can return...

All children from Reception to year 6 are eligible to return to school unless:

- They have a shielding letter,
- They live with a family member who has a shielding letter,
- They are ill

Any child or family member who shows signs of Coronavirus should not attend school and should follow the latest guidance from public health Wales and self-isolate for a period of 7 days. If your child(ren) is feeling unwell we ask you refrain from sending them in to school. Furthermore, we will not be able to administer medications at this time. However medications such as epi-pens, asthma pumps will need to be brought in with child and will be returned home on that same day.



Gilwern Primary School Protocol For a safe return

The safety of our school community is paramount therefore we are asking learners and parents to read this document to ensure we have a consistent approach. The following guidance has been composed through the formation of rigorous risk assessments and adhering to health and safety guidelines.

When we do re-open, you can be assured that plans will have been put into place to ensure the children's well-being, health, individual needs and overall, their safety and also that of the staff. However, we cannot guarantee that the spread of the virus will not happen as social distancing is near on impossible in a primary school setting regardless of how small the groups are.

We look forward to welcoming our learners back to school to embrace the opportunity to 'Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for Summer and September'.

2 Metre Rule

When dropping/collecting your child(ren) please be mindful of others. You will NOT be able to park on the school premises. Ensure you keep a safe 2 metre distance from peers. We are hoping we can reduce the spread of the virus by adhering the 2-metre rule across the school site.

Home to School

Children will not be permitted to bring anything in from home for example; books/toys/pencil cases and we will NOT be sending reading books home with children. This guidance will prevent transmission of germs.

Children will be required to bring their own snack, drink and packed lunch as the school kitchen will not be open to provide meals. Items will be stored within each pod and daily items entering the building will leave the building with that individual.

Daily Care

If your child(ren) is feeling unwell on the day they are due to attend school or the hub we ask you refrain from sending them in to school.

Furthermore, we will not be able to administer medications at this time.

However medications such as; epi-pens, asthma pumps will need to be brought in with child and will be returned home on that same day with that child.

Please ensure your child(ren) attends suitably equipped. Personal belongings will be kept in the pod with them, at all times. Lockers will not be used.

Hub

Children who have previously attended the hub at Llanfoist will now receive their daily childcare at Gilwern. Childcare will begin at 8:30am until 4pm. You will be required to register on the Monmouthshire County Council website. You will then be required to book places within the hub for the remainder of the term in advance. It is essential you only book places if necessary because the hub number for the school will be capped at 20. Children will not be permitted to attend the hub and their class session on the same day. To mitigate risk no change of staff or children will be allowed between pods on the same day.

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/childcare-hubs/>



Individual choice

At the moment it is entirely up to parents/carers if they choose to send their child(ren) to school. Parents will not be penalised or chastised for this in any way.

Teachers will continue to provide distant learning activities for all learners for the remainder of the summer term. These will evolve to ensure that there is a blend of 'in school' and 'out of school' learning. By coming to school during these last 4 weeks the children will be able to 'catch-up' with their teacher on the learning they have been undertaking at home.

During the school sessions children will undertake distant learning tasks that the class teacher has been providing. There will be no formal teaching at this stage. The focus will be on the wellbeing of the children. We will be supporting children's readiness for learning and focusing on their next steps for the autumn term. There will be regular breaks and activities undertaken outside.

September 2020

School will continue to be organised in learning pods in September.

Home learning will also continue. This will be

the arrangement until the Welsh Government and the Local Authority advise us otherwise.

Registration

All children will need to be signed in when entering the school building to ensure we are aware of class/Hub numbers. You will not be able to enter the school building to mitigate interactions. Please share when you will be collecting your child and record who will be collecting your child(ren) if you are using family or friends for support.

School uniform will not be compulsory during June and July as we appreciate children may have outgrown their uniform. However, we do expect our learners to be prepared to learn with attire sensible to participate in a range of activities. Therefore, clean clothes will be required everyday.

Good hygiene

Classes will have their own hand sanitiser with children and staff be trained to use this regularly after each activity. Medical advice shows that this is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. We have fun activities to model how to clean their hands properly.

Children will have full access to our school toilets but will be limited to a small number at a time. Each pod will use a different set of toilets.

If a child is taken ill, they will be supported by a member of staff and sent to a separate room whereby parents will be notified and asked to collect them.