



Ringland Primary School

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'Compassion, Curiosity, Courage'



Parent FAQ's Answered

As you are aware, pupils will be returning to school the week beginning 29th June. Many thanks for completing the parent questionnaires, please find responses below to support your frequently asked questions. Both the staff and myself are very much looking forward to seeing the children return.

Friendship:

Will our children be grouped with their friends?

Children in every class from Reception to Year 6 will be split into 3 groups (group A, B and C). We have ensured siblings are placed in the groups on the same day where possible. Teachers have arranged groups to ensure that the children are with their some of their friends as we understand the importance of friendships on our children's wellbeing. The groups in each class are made up of 8 pupils or less.

Routines and provision:

Can you explain what are the routines that will be in place for the children's return?

The school day will look very different. This period of school is primarily for the staff to 'catch-up and check-in' with pupils to prepare them for the Autumn term. Staff will be planning and organising a range of activities for pupils that focusses on their Wellbeing, mental health and they will also look to support any difficulties they have with home learning. Children will be given individual learning packs for the day that they are in school. These packs will remain in school. Children will not be able to bring in their own resources, toys or teddies, this is to avoid cross contamination.

School opening times:

What are the times and days that my child/children will be in school?

To ensure the health and safety of children and staff and to reduce the amount of congestion on the school site, it has been necessary to stagger the start and end times of the school day. Children from reception to Year 6 only will have the opportunity to return to school once a week. The starting times and finishing times vary for each class to ensure the safety of all pupils, arrival times are staggered in intervals of 10 minutes per class. Your child's class teacher has contacted you to confirm the day that your child or children will attend school. Children that have siblings in school will attend on the same day.

Uniform:

Will my child/children need to wear their uniform?

Your child will not be required to wear school uniform to school. The children can wear their own appropriate, casual clothing and trainers for the outdoors. On sunny days, your child will be required to have sun cream applied before school and a sunhat/cap. Any child wearing a jacket/coat to school will be required to leave this on the back of their chair as there will be no access to communal cloakrooms at this time. Children with long hair are required to have their hair tied back, and all children are to be free from any jewellery. The emphasis on clothing is based on safety and practicality. Open toes sandals and heels, cropped tops are not permitted.

Social distancing rules:

How can the school ensure that a 2metre distance will be maintained?

In line with Welsh government, all appropriate risk assessments have been undertaken to reduce the risk of infection and cross contamination, but please understand, that the risk has not been completely eradicated. Children will have a desk allocated, one child to a desk, with desks situated 2m apart from the next in Ks2. Where appropriate, in Foundation Phase, the children will access their learning in a similar way but with more emphasis on outdoor learning and learning through play. Weather permitting, there will be 4 children in class and 4 children from each bubble at any given time. Staff will encourage and will always highlight the importance of maintaining a 2m distance from each other at all times.

Playtimes:

Will children be able to play with each other?

Playtimes will be staggered. Children will be able to play outside depending on the weather within their small group. Staff will continue to encourage social distancing

	at all times. Each class will have their own allocated zoned area of the playground and field.
Class size: How many children will be permitted into each class?	As you are already aware, the children will be organised in to Group A, B and C. In each group, there will be no greater than 8 pupils. There will be 4 children inside with a focused task and 4 children outside with a teaching assistant completing outdoor learning. The organisation of this will be staggered throughout the day so that each group of learners will experience indoor and outdoor learning.
Lunch times/break times What will happen at lunch time?	Pupils attending school must bring a packed lunch in a lunch box or small bag. We ask for children to leave big bags/rucksacks at home. Pupils must bring a water bottle for the day. The water bottle must be filled at home. So please ensure your child/children have enough water for the day. Please ensure that younger children have food items that are easy to open themselves. If the weather is warm, the children will eat outside. If the weather does not allow this, children will eat in their classroom. All surfaces will be cleaned before pupils eat if they are eating inside. Lunch and break times will be staggered throughout the day.
Key worker children: Will the hub continue for key workers?	Taking the directive from the LA and Unions, the children who are accessing the key worker's childcare hub will be unable to join their class group, as children are only able to access one group to ensure a safe return. This has been discussed with all key worker parents in the school prior to this information. The childcare hub at Ringland for key worker's will continue to run at the usual times.
Absence: What happens if I decide not to send my child/children back to school?	There is no pressure to attend the school at present. School registers will be taken each morning. There will be no fines for non-attendance and no action taken for children not attending school at this time. Parents/guardians should notify the school if their child is unable to attend. Teachers will continue to keep contact with all children who are not attending school through Google Classroom, Seesaw, emails and telephone calls.
Safety: Can you guarantee that all children will be 100% safe.	The risk of catching the virus cannot be completely eradicated. We can, however ensure that we minimise the risk as much as possible following clear health and safety advice issued by the local authority and the Welsh Government. Please see the 'Health and Safety Measures' document for more details.
Illness: What happens if my child is unwell at school?	If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19 or is generally unwell, then they must stay at home and you should follow NHS/Public Health Wales guidance. If children are ill in school, we have designated areas for isolation and we will contact you for their collection immediately. Children will not have their temperatures checked as they enter the school but the facility is available to use should a child present with symptoms and are unwell. We have a number of non-contact infrared thermometers to use in school should this be required.
Transport: Will there be transport for children?	Newport City Council have confirmed that "The Local Authority is working with passenger transport providers to develop safe transport for a prioritised group of pupils with complex needs and disabilities who cannot find alternative methods of transport. Due to unprecedented Covid related issues, mainstream pupil transport will not be available when schools partly open on June 29 th ."
How will I contact the office?	During the Summer term, there will be no access for parents or visitors to the school building or office. Please telephone or email the school and the office staff will be able to help with your enquiries. If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please contact the school office and they will return your call after 2pm.