



16.06.2020

Dear Parents/Carers

On 12.06.2020, we sent parents/carers a link via school text to two letters on the school website. The letters from the Director of Education at BCBC and the school updated you on the guidance from Welsh Government about the optional Check in, Catch Up and Prepare sessions available to pupils in June/July. We are now in a position to communicate more information to you about these optional sessions.

As per the Welsh Government and local authority guidance, these school visits will not involve any formal learning. Having closed very suddenly back in March, these visits are opportunities for pupils to see the school and how it may look in September, as well as being able to see some of their teachers and classmates. We will be working within the parameters of a maximum of 8 pupils per class / area.

Pupils will take part in various activities based on wellbeing, games and planned outdoor sessions and your child will be invited to attend with their class teacher, where possible. We recommend that the children wear casual, comfortable and machine washable clothing. During the weeks that staff are in class, Hwb activities will also focus on wellbeing, games and planned outdoor sessions via an optional activity / task grid in addition to Literacy and Numeracy tasks. During the other two weeks, our usual Hwb provision will continue, with optional learning tasks set. Please note that the school visits will be during the usual school day, but that drop-off and collection times will be staggered to assist with social distancing and we will ask you to adhere to these timings, for this reason.

There are four weeks remaining of the Summer Term and local authority guidance is that pupils attend on two occasions during these four weeks. Therefore, all pupils from Meithrin to Year 6 will be invited to attend:

- 1) For one day during the first fortnight
- 2) For one day during the second fortnight

Please see the timetable below for details of the weeks when your child(ren)'s year group(s) will be offered the two days to check in.

While we are unable to accommodate Rising 3s pupils during these visits, you are invited to continue to engage with the activity lists provided on the school website and the songs and stories on Cwtsh Mrs Morris. More information will be provided in due course about return to school dates during the Autumn term for these pupils, when we can welcome you back and into Meithrin.

In line with national guidance, we have staggered arrival and departure times to minimise concentration of people on site at one given time and to aid social distancing. School day times have also taken into consideration age of pupils returning.

Optional Check-In Sessions (Summer Term 2020)			
Current Year Group	One day from this week (specific day to be confirmed)	One day from this week (specific day to be confirmed)	School Visit Times
Year 6	w/c 29.06.20	w/c 13.07.20	09.00 – 15.15
Year 5	w/c 06.07.20	w/c 20.07.20	09.00 – 15.15
Year 4	w/c 29.06.20	w/c 13.07.20	09.15 – 15.00
Year 3	w/c 06.07.20	w/c 20.07.20	09.15 – 15.00
Year 2	w/c 06.07.20	w/c 20.07.20	09.30 – 14.45
Year 1	w/c 29.06.20	w/c 13.07.20	09.30 – 14.45
Derbyn	w/c 06.07.20	w/c 20.07.20	09.45 – 14.30
Meithrin	w/c 29.06.20	w/c 13.07.20	09.45 – 14.30

The local authority emergency childcare Hub will continue to run at school from Monday-Friday, from 08:30 – 16:30. Applications for and any queries concerning this provision should be made directly to BCBC, from where the Hub allocation is managed.

As per Local Authority guidance, unfortunately there will be no Breakfast Club facility until further notice.

The government expects that any pupil in receipt of a shielding letter refrains from coming to school and that any pupil with an ongoing health condition seeks medical advice and confirmation to attend before doing so.

To enable us to confirm which days during the proposed weeks your child will be invited to attend and based on the information above, we invite you to complete a short survey to let us know if, pending confirmation of exact dates, you wish your child(ren) to access the check-in sessions. Please complete the survey once for each child registered with us. The survey also asks you to indicate if children usually eligible for school transport would require this for the check in visits. Please also indicate if your child requires a hot school meal or if they will bring a packed lunch (please ensure that your child's lunch account is credited with sufficient funds, where applicable). Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a school meal or packed lunch as usual and should note their preference on the survey.

The survey is accessible until and will close at 12 midday on Friday 19 June and can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k-H3aMADZeBDv5f9-dmGAQBUOFIIVY5WDcxNFRERUHKV1aOEo4NExQRC4u

We will contact you by 6pm on Monday 22 June (via the school texting service) to advise you of which days your child(ren) will be invited to attend school. Before the children return to school on Monday 29 June, we will of course communicate more information to you about what to expect during the school day and on the school site.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing co-operation during these difficult times and your understanding and patience in what continues to be a learning experience for us all. If you do have any specific queries around your child(ren) returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact us on the school email address of admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk to discuss these.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher

Nik Dart

Chair of Governors