

Home – School Agreement: Return to School (COVID-19) September 2020



This Home-School Agreement has been drafted to **clearly communicate expectations** relating to pupils, parents/carers and the school in the return to school during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is vital that all stakeholders know what is expected to **safeguard the health, safety and well-being of everyone concerned** and to maximise the learning opportunities for our pupils.



Please refer to the Carmarthenshire 'Frequently Asked Questions' pages which may be able to support you with your queries:

www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education.

THE SCHOOL

The school commits to:

- **Provide a safe and welcoming environment**, which has been **risk assessed** in response to the COVID-19 virus;
- **Create groupings or 'bubbles' within the school**, which will help to minimise contacts and mixing between people;
- **Follow Carmarthenshire County Council Risk Assessment Policy, in conjunction with the Welsh Government Guidance:** <https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-version-2-html>
- **Mitigate and reduce as many risks** as possible in our school setting;
- **Social Distancing** - We will do our utmost to adhere to, and enforce, social distancing guidance, as advised for our school setting;
- **Hand Washing**- Pupils and staff will be required to wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day. Correct hand washing will be modelled and supervised by staff, in an age-appropriate manner. In addition, dedicated hand sanitising stations will be available around school.
- **Cleaning:** Cleaning regimes will be rigorous, with regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, door handles, toilets, etc.
- **Clothing/uniform:** Pale blue polo shirt (with School logo or plain), navy/grey skirt or trousers, navy sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper (with School logo or plain), dark sensible outdoor shoes.
- **Catering:** School meals will be provided to pupils from 14th September. Pupils will need to bring in a healthy packed lunch until this date.
- **Attendance:** All pupils will be required to attend school from 14th September 2020, unless there are valid medical reasons not to. School **will no longer continue to routinely provide online work** in September. This will be regularly reviewed and updated according to local circumstances.
- **Risk Assessment:** The school will ask parents to carry out a health risk assessment **before** pupils return to school in September. This does not need to be completed daily, **but will need to be updated if your child or family's health/circumstances change**. It is vital that the school is informed of any changes which are linked to symptoms or risks associated with COVID-19.
- **Symptomatic Pupils:** The school will contact parents/carers if a pupil displays any symptoms of COVID-19. Parents will be expected to collect children from school immediately. There will be an isolation room, or dedicated space, made available for symptomatic pupils.
- **Track Trace and Protect** : If any member of staff or pupil becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms during school hours, the school will immediately contact **Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222**. **NB. If this occurs during the summer holidays, or out of school hours, parents should immediately report this by calling 0300 333 2222 or by emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk** (24 hour service).
- **PPE:** Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn by staff, as advised by Welsh Government, e.g. to administer first aid, assistance with toileting, and where bespoke packages of care and support dictate this is necessary.
- **Face coverings:** Secondary school pupils will be required to wear face coverings on school transport and in school indoor communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained, unless they have a medical exemption.
- **Transport:** School transport will be provided to all eligible pupils who have been through the application process and are unable to make their own way to school.

- We will do our utmost to offer an **engaging, broad and balanced curriculum**, with a particular focus on **pupil wellbeing**. For more details, please see Welsh Government learning guidance: <https://gov.wales/guidance-learning-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

PARENTS / CARERS

Parents/carers are required to respect and adhere to guidance set out by Welsh Government, the Local Authority and the school, in order to ensure staff, pupils and their communities remain as safe as possible.

Families are required to reflect on individual risk assessment daily. Please DO NOT send any children to school who:

- Feel unwell;
- Have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell) or they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- Live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive to COVID-19, in the past 14 days;

Parents/carers should **agree to the following:**

- I will check my child for symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis, before bringing them to school.
- I will immediately inform the school of any changes to my child's health, so that the risk assessment can be updated.
- I will support school staff in their efforts to create a safe environment during this crisis by following school and government guidance in minimising any possible risk;
- In the event of another lockdown, I agree to support my child with their learning at home, in line with the school's expectations;
- **Track, Trace, Protect:** If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately and follow the guidance for TTP;
- In this instance, or if anyone in my household shows symptoms of COVID-19, we will self-isolate, in line with TTP guidance;
- If my child becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms out of school hours or during holidays, I will immediately report this by calling **0300 333 2222**, or by emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk
- For information on how to apply for a test for yourself or someone in your household with symptoms including children under 5, please visit the [Welsh Government website](#).
- When dropping my child off and collecting, I will adhere to the allocated time (if applicable) and social distancing rules;
- I will remind my child about social distancing guidance and encourage this practice as far as possible, according to their age and ability;
- My child will wash their hands before coming to school and every effort will be made to provide clean clothes each day;
- I will send my child to school with the necessary items for the day, including a water bottle and PD/P.E. kit when needed.
- **Face Coverings (secondary pupils only):** I will provide a face covering for my child - for the first day of school, where possible. The council will provide a reusable face covering for those pupils who do not have suitable provision.

- I will not enter the school building without an invitation. If I need to talk to my child's teacher, I will phone, email or leave a message with a member of staff;
- If my child's behaviour is deemed unsafe/not following the rules, I will collect him/her as soon as possible. I agree that he/she will undertake supported home learning, until it is agreed that he/she can return to school safely.

PUPILS

I will do my best to:

- Take care of myself and others;
- Engage with the learning experiences provided, in line with the school's expectations;
- Tell an adult if I feel unwell;
- Follow all hygiene and safety rules in class, around school and in the outdoors;
- Stay safe with the pupils in my group or 'bubble';
- Only enter and exit the school building from the designated location and adhere to the 'movement around school' systems/signage;
- Be safe - coughing and sneezing into a tissue - '**catch it-bin it-kill it**', using the correct bin for tissues (or cough/sneeze into elbow, if no tissue available);
- Follow good hand hygiene – use soap and water for 20 seconds using the correct technique / use hand sanitiser;
- Behave well at all times to maintain the safety of myself and others;
- Understand that opportunities to come to school could be restricted if I do not behave safely in the school environment;
- Let others know how I am feeling;
- Listen carefully and follow instructions;
- Speak and move calmly around school;
- Be kind, friendly and respectful of others.
- **Face Coverings- age 11 and over only:** I agree to wear a face covering on school and college transport;
- **Secondary school pupils only:** I agree to wear a face covering in communal areas such as corridors, where schools risk assessments demonstrate social distancing is not possible.
- Follow school expectations to the best of my ability.

Parent / Carer signature: **Date:**.....

Pupil signature: **Date:**

Headteacher signature: **Date:**

