



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good start to the week. I am very pleased to inform you that from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March all pupils will return to school**. I am most grateful to staff for making the necessary arrangements to ensure that the return is as safe as possible. This now includes staff carrying out lateral flow tests twice weekly and the wearing of medical grade face masks in all areas of the school.

I am also indebted to Infant parents who have truly worked in partnership with the school over the last couple of weeks to ensure that we are all as safe as possible on the school site. This has enabled Junior pupils to return and I am confident that we will not have any further lockdowns – the vaccine roll-out and extensive safety measures means we are optimistic for the future.

## **Reminder of arrangements for drop-off and collection**

*All parents should wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distancing when waiting to drop off or collect children from school. Please can you ensure you drop off and collect from school on time, limiting any early collections for emergency circumstances only.*

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify us by 9.00am by leaving a message on our answerphone absence line, Tel 01267 236653, or by email to admin@johnstown.ysgolccc.cymru.

We have a large school population with limited road access and spaces in the car park. We will need your full co-operation in order to ensure a safe entry and exit of the school. Staggered start and end of day procedures will continue to be in place for the foreseeable future. The drop-off and collection times are as follows:

### **Nursery Pupils**

Nursery pupils should be brought to and collected from the nursery playground gate where they will be met by a member of staff. The drop off and collection times will be as follows:

Full time Nursery - 9.00am to 3.00pm  
Morning Nursery - 9.15am to 11.15am  
Afternoon Nursery 12.45pm to 2.45pm

### **Reception pupils**

Reception pupils should be brought to the reception playground yellow gate. A member of staff will meet them at the gate and they will enter reception class through the reception door. The drop off and collection times will be as follows:

RBE – 8.45am to 3.00pm

RBS – 9.00am to 3.15pm

### **Year 1/2 pupils**

Year 1/2 pupils should be brought to school via the yellow gate in the car park. Pupils will be met by a member of staff on the yard gate where they will then line up in the designated year group area. Parents should leave immediately via the one-way system established this term. When collecting your child you will need to wait on the school yard in the designated year group area. The drop off and collection times will be as follows:

1D – 8.45am to 3.00pm

2C – 8.45am to 3pm

1H – 9.00am to 3.15pm

2G – 9.00am to 3.15pm

### **Year 3 pupils**

Year 3 pupils should be brought to school via the sensory garden gate (near the school office) and collected from the same place. The drop off and collection times will be as follows:

3B – 8.45am to 3.15pm

3M – 9.00am to 3.30pm

### **Year 4/5/6 pupils**

Year 4/5/6 pupils should be brought to school via the yellow gate in the car park. Pupils will be met by a member of staff on the yard gate where they will then line up in the designated year group area. Parents should leave immediately via the one-way system established this term. When collecting your child you will need to wait on the school yard in the designated year group area. The drop off and collection times will be as follows:

4H – 8.45am to 3.15pm

5C – 8.45am to 3.15pm

6D – 8.45am to 3.15pm

4P – 9.00am to 3.30pm

5CC – 9.00am to 3.30pm

6L – 9.00am to 3.30pm

### **Breakfast Club 8.00am – 8.45am**

Breakfast Club will be open for Infant and Junior pupils who are already registered. To operate as safely as possible, pupils will receive a “grab and go” bag and eat their breakfast in their year group classrooms. I am most grateful to school staff for assisting with this extra provision.

### **After School Club**

Glenholme Nursery continue to operate this service from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. If you require this service, their contact number is 01267 232830.

*Please only use the Breakfast Club or After School Club if you have no other options of child care. By minimising the numbers of pupils attending these clubs, it reduces the risk of infection in the community.*

### **Lunchtimes**

We will continue to operate lunch times as we have over the last two weeks. Pupils with packed lunches will eat in their year group classrooms with pupils receiving school dinners in the hall.

### **Keep us all safe!**

We all want to bring back as much normality as we can, within the constraints we have in place. By maintaining good hygiene, social distancing and wearing face masks, we will provide the safest environment for our school community. **We must reinforce that if your child or anyone in your household is unwell with symptoms of Covid-19, children must not come into school.**

Please rest assured, as a school, we will ensure that we will work as safely as possible as we return fully next week.

Yours sincerely

**Kevin McComas**  
**Head Teacher**