



Crickhowell Community  
Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and have had an enjoyable summer.

Here is a reminder of some of the important information ahead of Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> when we will be welcoming **all** our pupils back into school.

Our key priority is ensuring the safety of our children and staff and school community. We will be taking the following steps to ensure all learners and parents are kept as safe as possible:

- Keeping learning groups together and reducing interaction with wider pupil groups. This will mean, no assemblies and staggered breaktimes and lunchtimes to minimise pupil groups on the yard and in the canteen. For the start of term, we have been advised not to run extra-curricular clubs, though due to the way contact groups have been organised, we can change this when advised.
- Avoiding large groups of parents/carers at the start and end of the day. To do this, we will stagger start and finish times, as we did in the last 4 weeks of term and ask that only one parent brings their child to school.
- Ensuring ongoing hand hygiene and routine handwashing on the way into school, before and after breaktimes and lunchtimes, before and after visiting the toilet and before handling IT equipment in the classroom.
- Reducing the number of items brought into school. So, it will be essentials only, pencil cases (with essentials for the day), lunch (if pupils are having a packed lunch), drinks/drinks bottles as there will be no water cups used in school, reading books on allocated days and coats. Where possible, pupils will only use their own equipment and avoid sharing. Pupils will be expected to wear school uniform.

Our plan for September is to run three contact groups. Foundation Phase, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Where possible, classes will be kept separate. This will mean separate areas of the dining hall and playground during lunch and dinner time. The purpose of having contact groups is to reduce the impact on the school community, if someone were to show symptoms of Covid19. Due to the running of the three contact groups, there will have to be some changes to the school day, which are outlined below. We have tried our best to minimise the impact on parents/carers, as we appreciate many parents need to plan get back to work in September.

**Breakfast Club-** To keep the contact groups separate breakfast club will run differently. Foundation Phase pupils will go the canteen as normal but Key stage 2 pupils will go the main hall and be split into two contact groups. All pupils will be given something to eat and drink, if needed. Breakfast club will start at the usual time of 8am, classes will be dismissed to line up with their class at the set time. To run the different contact groups in two locations, we are temporarily employing additional staff. This means that we will have to raise the cost of breakfast club to cover these additional staff costs. Breakfast club will cost £2.00 and £1.50 for siblings, until we return to the normal staffing arrangements.

**Start and Finish times** are outlined below. The three contact groups have different start and finish times. To minimise the number of parents/carers on the yard, could each child be brought to school

by one parent/carer, could parents/carers be as punctual as possible and leave the school grounds as soon as they have dropped their children off. Please do not come into the school building unless it is absolutely necessary, or you have a prior appointment. We appreciate that parents will want to speak to class teachers during the initial weeks to see how their children have settled back into school. Class teachers will share their work emails with parents as a point of contact and will respond to emails, at the most appropriate time.

- **Reception**-8.45am on the yard, to be collected from the yard at 3.05pm.
- **Year 1**-8.45am on the yard, to be collected from the yard at 3.05pm.
- **Year 2**-8.45am on the yard, where Year 4 normally line up, to be collected from the same place at 3.05pm.
- **Year 3**-8.55am on the yard, to be collected at the same place at 3.15pm
- **Year 4**-8.55am on the yard, to be collected from the yard at 3.15pm
- **Year 5**-9.05am outside the Y5 classroom on the yard, to be collected from the same place at 3.25pm
- **Year 6**-9.05am outside Year 6 on the yard to be collected from the same place at 3.25pm.

**After school club-** After School Club will have to run slightly differently because we need to keep contact groups separate and school finish times have changed. Our club is only allowed to run for 1hr 55mins. The new times are:

Foundation phase	1st session 3.05-4.05
	2nd session 4.05-5.00
Y3 & Y4	1st session 3.15-4.15
	2nd session 4.15-5.10
Y5 & Y6	1st session 3.25-4.25
	2nd session 4.25-5.20

Each session costs £5 and children will be provided with a snack and a drink. We will continue with activities in contact groups and we will be outdoors when possible. Spaces are limited, so please try to book a week in advance, send a text to book your place to 07749531136 please include name and year group when booking.

**Other Issues-Reading books-**We will be collecting and issuing reading books on Fridays. The books collected, will then be boxed for 72 hours until they can be re-issued. Individual classes will send details about homework for this half-term. We are not allowing peripatetic music teachers into school initially, but will wait for a local authority risk-assessment to determine the safest way to continue lessons.

Thank you for your patience. Things will evolve and change over the next weeks, we will do our best to keep you informed as they do. We are all looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school.

M. Wakeley