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Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

On 5th February, the Minister for Education confirmed that our youngest learners in the Foundation Phase would return to school from 22nd February. There will be some flexibility over this first week, with all Foundation Phase children returning by Friday 26th February 2021. The children of critical workers/vulnerable children would also continue to be able to access the onsite provision.

During this time, the other current Welsh Government Restrictions for alert level 4, will continue to remain in place. **Outside of school it will be important that all staff, children and their families continue to stay at home as much as possible and limit their contact with others.**

Albert Primary will continue to make our site as safe as possible for all staff and learners. As schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures, the school will remain closed on Monday 22nd February 2021 to all pupils *other than* those of critical workers or vulnerable children. This is in order for us to review our health and safety risk assessments and school operational procedures to ensure they continue to address the risks identified in the system of controls.

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, I want to update you on some of the upcoming changes with the reopening of school for Foundation Phase children from Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

Tuesday 23rd February: it is the current expectation that **all** current Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to school. [If your child was due to start Nursery in January, we will contact you directly with an induction day for that week.]

The Nursery morning session will start at 9:00 until 11:30 and the afternoon session will start at 1:00 – 3:30. Children are able to bring in a labelled water bottle.

Reception will start the school day at 08:50am (gates open at 08:45am and at 2.45pm) and finish at 3.00pm. Access will be via top entrance door off top yard.

Year 1 and Year 2 will start the school day at 09:00am and finish at 3.10pm. Access into classrooms and collection is from the main playground. Staff will be on duty to assist with directions. 1W will use the canteen door, 1BM and 2Hut will use their classroom external doors and 2Ho will use the entrance by the yard stage.



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PLEASE NOTE:

There are now building works on site whilst the refurbishment of the old toilet block is taking place. This means our previous 'one way system' has had to be revised. Therefore, all parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must enter the school site from the Albert Road top gate. Once you have left your child with us and when collecting them at the end of the session please leave the school site from the Salop Place gates off the main school yard.

Parents collecting morning Nursery at 11.30am can enter and leave via the top gate / parents dropping off afternoon Nursery at 1.00pm can arrive and depart via the Albert Road top gate due to the yards being occupied by school children during their lunchtime.

Each child must sanitise their hands on entry (please make sure all belongings are kept to a minimum).

Lunchtimes will be staggered so that children can be kept in smaller class bubbles. **For at least for the first few weeks please provide your child with a packed lunch as our canteen is being used to accommodate additional classroom space. Children receiving free school meals will be provided with a grab bag.**

On PE days, children will be expected to wear their PE kit to school in order to avoid any unnecessary changing.

Children will be issued with their own stationery. Any shared resources will be cleaned between use.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need to bring in a healthy snack and a named water bottle.

At the end of the school day, parents may enter via the top Albert Road gate, but must leave via the Salop Place gate.

There will be no visitors allowed into school unless previously arranged with the school office.

Children attending the Critical Worker provision can be dropped off in the morning in the lower yard and be collected from the school office as usual.

Key stage 2 children will continue to receive remote learning from their teachers from Monday 22nd February as normal.

We sincerely hope you manage to have a restful half term break.

Kindest regards,

A Gilbert