

September reopening information - Important please read!

To our Dear Westwood Family, thank you for your patience,

Since the announcement and guidance from Welsh Government referring to school reopening, we have been working hard to give you an outline plan to allow all pupils to return to Westwood in the Autumn term.

As you will know, from the guidance, schools are allowed time from 1st September to plan and prepare for the reopening of the whole school. In consultation with Flintshire County Council and our consortium schools we have an outline plan, which will allow you to prepare yourselves and your children for a return in September. This is based on our current situation with Covid 19. We will be reorganising and preparing the school building, staff teams, classrooms and outdoor areas during the week commencing 31st August. This is to allow all Health and Safety elements to be fully considered and integrated by staff, planning and risk assessments to be fully implemented and operational before our pupils come into the school building. We have to integrate many changes to reduce the risk of Covid 19 impacting on our Westwood family after the Summer break. I am sure that you will appreciate the huge amount of work that must take place to ensure a safe return for all! You will also very much appreciate the normality reopening school will bring to you and your families too.

School will reopen to ALL pupils in Reception to Year 6 from Monday 7th September. Nursery pupils will be notified by Mrs Ryan tomorrow on how you will be phased into Nursery in your groups. We will be moving towards creating new 'contact groups'. These contact groups will be made up of groups of children in certain classes. **We will have 5 contact groups in school known as 'Bubbles'**. Your child will still be in the same classes we shared with you at the start of July and some classes will be able to be in contact with each other on the school site. Please read the operational guidance from Welsh Government with regards to contact groups and why schools will be working in this way at the links here:

En - <https://gov.wales/operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-autumn-term-covid-19>

Cy - <https://llyw.cymru/canllawiau-gweithredol-ar-gyfer-ysgolion-lleoliadau-o-dymor-yr-hydref-covid-19>

To allow the children back into school safely, we need to be very flexible. We must stagger times of the start and end of the day. This is to allow less interaction between Bubbles and help to keep us all safe. Although the beginning and end of the day is slightly adjusted, it remains over the minimum teaching hours your child is expected to receive. This arrangement will be continually reviewed in line with any risks linked to Covid 19. We will also be using different gates for your child to enter and leave the site, which will be staffed. We have outlined this on the next page. We will also need stagger breaks and lunchtimes too. We would really welcome your support here for this arrangement for us all to be successful and I know you will appreciate having the weeks ahead to plan and prepare for these temporary changes in September.

Some further changes for September from our current situation will be: lunch boxes are allowed on site, own lunch can be brought from home and if your child wishes to have snack, this should be brought from home too - fruit please. Your child can bring in their own stationery in a pencil case, water bottle, sanitiser and a bag for school. Uniform is to be worn and P.E.Kit can brought in and left on pegs. The full running and operation guide will be with you over the summer holiday, to keep you informed and I will be updating this within the 'Parent Handbook' we created recently for the check in sessions to reflect the new normal for our children. This handbook will include important information on resources, toilets, playtimes, playgrounds, lunch times and confirmed external catering arrangements, curriculum and further organisational you will need to know. **There is a lot to do here! All updates and any extra information will be with you in plenty of time before we see you all again in September. KEEP A CHECK YOUR EMAILS PLEASE ©**

Contact Groups will be as follows:

Year groups and Class Teacher	Class	Bubble	Start time	End time	Children Entrance / Exit
Nursery Mrs Ryan	Class 1	Bubble A 1 & 2	9am	11.30pm	TBC due to works on site. We will Meet and Greet you at the small silver gate.
Reception Mrs Hatton	Class 2	Bubble B	9am	2.45pm	Small gate on the Padeswood Road - Meet & Greet to class door
Reception Mrs Fresa	Class 3	Bubble B	9am	2.45pm	Small gate on the Padeswood Road - Meet & Greet to class door
Year 1 Mr Northall	Class 4	Bubble C	8.50am	2.50pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use front door near car park. Meet & Greet.
Year 2 Mrs Donaghy	Class 5	Bubble C	8.50am	2.50pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use front door near car park. Meet & Greet
Year 3 Miss Davies / Miss Bennett	Class 6	Bubble D	8.40am	2.40pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet
Year 4 Mr Powell	Class 7	Bubble D	8.40am	2.40pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.
Year 4 & 5 Mrs Farrer	Class 8	Bubble D	8.40am	2.40pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.
Year 5 & 6 Miss Mattar	Class 9	Bubble E	8.30am	2.30pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.
Year 5 & 6 Mrs Brown	Class 10	Bubble E	8.30am	2.30pm	Small silver gate on Tabernacle Street and children use main entrance front door. Meet & Greet.

Nursery Groupings

- WC 7th Nursery - Bubble A1 - 12 pupils start 9am and finish 11.30am Nursery gates
- WC 14th Nursery - Bubble A2 - 12 pupils start 9am and finish 11.30am Nursery gates
- WC 21st both Nursery A1 and A2 Nursery groups in at times stated. **Mrs Ryan will tell you tomorrow which group your child is in.**

It is important you keep to your times for drop off and pick up. We will be sharing further information on this organisation during the Summer break. Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We want to be operational with breakfast clubs from 7th September for Reception to Year 6. Breakfast club starts at 8am and finish at 9am. Breakfast club from 8am to 8.30am is £2 for the 1st child and £1.50 for further sibling places. Breakfast club from 8.30am to 9am is **free**. All children are to come in through the small Padeswood Road gate and it will be a meet and greet system only. The breakfast club will need to be organised in Contact groups / Bubbles. Due to this fact, **ALL breakfast club places for the time being will need to be booked in advance to allow safe organisation of bubbles and adequate staffing.** Nursery aspect of Westies Breakfast Club will start from WC Monday 21st September. **If you have already booked for Westies in September, we will contact you and organise your booking directly.** Thank you for your support here. To book your breakfast club places, complete the form at the link here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uq4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kzZU9rhS6x5GhLsKZOy0YRIUMDNRNktJOEoyTUpJUEXQUKIGREEzQVJOOc4u

If you require the paid element of the breakfast club, this will need to be paid for through School Comms. If you need help or assistance, please email the office. Thank you in advance with your support with this arrangement.

Afterschool Club

This will be arranged through Penguins who are currently working with us to be fully operational too from Monday 7th September. You can contact Penguins on their email penguingroup0@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Penguin-Playgroup-and-After-school-Club-824307194374391/> or 07955 114184 for more information on this.

Summer Holidays

We know that you will be looking forward to relaxing for summer and hopefully recharging your batteries, after a challenging few months. We appreciate that there will be relaxing of guidance over the coming weeks into the summer holidays. We have been asked by Flintshire to ensure you are aware of the current guidance linked to play grounds, parks, outdoors, visiting other parts of Wales/UK and especially travelling to other countries. If you are travelling overseas, it is imperative you are aware of the regulations surrounding this, with regards to quarantine laws, self-isolation and travel corridors. We would appreciate if you are travelling overseas during the summer break, you adhere to these regulations and keep yourself regularly updated. These regulations can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> and here <https://gov.wales/written-statement-international-travel-regulations>.

If you are travelling overseas in the last two weeks of the summer holidays from 17th August, we politely request you email your holiday dates and destination to wwmail@hwbcymru.net.

For example: I am going to France from 23rd July to the 3rd August. This is at the start of the summer break, there are no rules currently to quarantine or self- isolate travelling to and from Wales and France. Even if there was, I would be safe to return to school by September! However, if I was travelling between 17th August to 4th September to Brazil. This country is currently not on the list for safe travel; therefore, you would be expected to quarantine /self-isolate for 14 days on return before I would be allowed to return to school. etc.

This is for the safety of all of our Westwood Family. We thank you for your support here.

And finally! Farewell to our Wonderful Year 6 ☺

Due to Covid 19, our wonderful Year 6 children will not get their normal send off. We are grateful, however, that we have been given the chance to say goodbye to our Year 6 children this Friday morning.

On Friday, our pupils will be given their hoodies, leaver's books and have the opportunity to see each other before they say goodbye to Westwood and embark on the next exciting step onto high school. Some children will also be presented with awards on Friday.

I want to take this opportunity to say just how much I have enjoyed watching our Year 6's grow and mature from Nursery to Year 6. They have been an absolute delight in so many ways and we have an abundance of amazing, cherished memories of our Year 6 children. They are a credit to each and every parent, and family member. I am so proud to say they are a member of our Westwood Family - now and always! And as always, Westwood will be here for you all, so do not be strangers Year 6 - Westwood is always your home too.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to my Team Westwood! You all have such strength, commitment and dedication to our Westwood Family - it is beyond words! You are all SUPERHEROES and I couldn't be prouder than I am of each and everyone of you and the part you have played this year!

Thank you all too, our Westwood Family, for your continued support this year. You have been so incredible! It is not the ending we wanted but we look forward to welcoming some normality and having our children back in September. I know just how much we have all missed them and want them to stay super safe over the summer holidays. Do not forget, we are just an email away if you need us!!

Have a cracking summer, and as always - Stay strong; Stay positive; Stay happy; and most importantly, Stay very safe!!

Enjoy your summer break!!

Mrs. Williams and Team Westwood ☺