



Gwernymynydd CP News

14 January 2022

Dear Parents,

Covid procedures

We have some new procedures to follow regarding Covid. Staff are now completing LFD tests at least three times per week if they work in one contact group and for staff working across multiple groups they will be testing daily. Should staff record a positive reading they must isolate for between 7 and 10 days. As tests are taken at night, should a positive be recorded we will do our very best to get known supply staff for the next day, however this is not always possible. All schools are starting to see the impact of mixing and returning to work and positive cases are now more evident in school, resulting in the workforce becoming under strain. If spellings, reading, homework PE or outdoor learning do not take place when you expect, please can we ask for your patience and consideration as if staff are off isolating or sick then the staff on site will as always be doing their very best to ensure that systems and routines are maintained as best as possible.

Should a positive case be reported to us in a class, all close contacts continue to attend school. Staff will start 7 day LFD testing and a 'warn' letter will be sent to close contact children asking you to be extra vigilant looking for symptoms or children being generally unwell. If your child is presenting with symptoms they must not attend school and you are to book a PCR online through the NHS website at gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Should a second case be reported in that contact group a 'warn and inform' letter will be sent out along with a set of 7 LFD tests for children aged 5 and over. These have been provided by WG to our school for distribution to our children where there are two positive cases. WG strongly advise that your child undertakes LFD tests for 7 days before school to try and prevent spreading infection more widely. Tests issued from school are to be used by your child only.

Please note that if your child is under the age of 5 years old they should not take LFD or PCR tests unless directed to do so by a doctor or if you believe a test is absolutely necessary and in the best interests of your child. They should however remain off school if they have a high temperature until it returns to normal and they feel better.

If your child requires more LFTs and cannot access tests online or through your local pharmacy please contact us as we hold a supply of LFTs for pupils. We know that in general COVID-19 doesn't affect young people as seriously as it does others in our families and community and by following this guidance, together we can keep each other safe.

Extra Curricular Activities/Before and After school club

Due to the Risk Assessment stating that contact groups will be reduced as much as possible, we will not be holding any extra curricular activities until the restrictions ease. Whilst there may be activities happening externally we are guided by our Risk Assessment. Parents who send their children to breakfast or after school club must be aware that these children do mix beyond their class contact group.

School admissions

The admission window for children to start Nursery is live on the FCC website. If you have a child at home who turns 3 before 31st August 2022 they are eligible for Nursery in September and you need to complete the online application. We also offer Early Entitlement in school for children who turn 3 between now and Easter. Sunbeams is based in Ysgol y Waun and Rachel will collect children from Gwernymynydd school at 11.30am and return them at 3.00pm. They offer the 30 hours free childcare provision. If you have any questions regarding wrap around arrangements or access to Sunbeams please email Rachel at sunbeams171@outlook.com. If you know of any neighbours with young children, please pass this information on to them too. I am able to show parents around school on appointment.

Poor Weather Conditions

Please can I ask for your support when bringing children to breakfast club and collecting from after school club. The safety of all our pupils, parents and staff while travelling to and from school is paramount, and when the weather is bad some staff may take longer to get in or need to leave before the end of the day. Our caretaker will always attempt to clear the main footpath from the gates, however we do ask for you to take care when walking as paths can refreeze. If there is a snow covering, it makes things a lot easier if children arrive for school in wellingtons with their school shoes in a plastic bag for them to change into once inside the building.

Adverse Weather

Should we be closed due to unsafe weather on site or that not enough staff can attend due to their journey the closure will be announced on the FCC website.

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/SchoolClosures.aspx>

Dates to follow

Parents evening
Parent partnership workshops

Term Dates and Opening Times

Spring Term 2022		
School Opens	Thursday	6 th January 2022
School Closes (half term)	Friday	18 th February 2022
School Opens	Monday	28 th February 2022
School Closes	Friday	8 th April 2022
Summer Term 2022		
School Opens	Monday	25 th April 2022
School Closes (half term)	Friday	27 th May 2022
School Opens	Monday	6 th June 2022
School Closes	Wednesday	20 th July 2022

Please note: The school is closed to children for staff training days during the school year.

These are 25th April 2022, 27th May 2022, 6th June 2022 and 20th July 2022

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