



Frequently Asked Questions

	Questions	School Response
Social distancing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the school manage social distancing? • Will there be any socialisation allowed within a friendship group? • Will children be able to play with their friends? • Are the corridors wide enough for social distancing? If not, how will this be managed? • Is social distancing expected / anticipated or will a "bubble" approach be used to minimise risk of transition in the situation of a confirmed case of COVID-19? • What will be the ratio of teacher/LSA's to be able to help enforce the 2m rule? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the risk of transmission, where possible the same staff will interact with the same group of learners in their "Check in, Catch Up and Prepare" sessions. This helps minimise the risk of transmission between groups and limits the impact of any self-isolation required due to a staff member or learner testing positive under Test, Trace, Protect. • We expect learners to maintain social distancing of 2 metres within Tai. We have set up all classrooms with a maximum of 3 individual tables for the pupils to sit at. They are 2 metres apart. Staff will remind pupils at all times to keep to the 2 metre distance between learners. There will be a Teacher and LSA per classroom. • Once children are in school they will not be allowed to walk around school on their own. There will be a 1 way system around the building to prevent crossing in the corridors. • The children will be grouped and the same group of children will attend the same days and with the same staff as much as possible. Learners will be

		<p>given as much opportunity as possible to learn and have breaks outdoors. Staff movement between rooms will be kept to a minimum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are colourful posters displayed around the school to remind staff and pupils to adhere to the 2m rule. • The 2m expectation is taught and modelled to the children.
School Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be transporting my child to school. What do I need to do? • Will there be staggered start/finish times. • How many pupils are going to be in the school at one given time? · • Amount of time spent at school? • How will break times work? · • Will my child be in school every day? · • Will they be doing school work/learning? · • How will start, break, lunch and finish times be managed? · • Will breakfast club be taking place? · • What should the children wear? • Are the children actually going to be learning? · 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At present the school is planning for the maximum number of sessions that can be offered safely in school for every child during the 4 week period. • There will be a maximum of 3 pupils in each teaching group. • School will start at 8.30 am. The pupils will come off their taxi's in a staggered manner. School will finish at 2.00pm to allow for thorough cleaning. The pupils will also leave in a staggered fashion. • Teaching groups will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The hub will be open for vulnerable learners and key workers on a Friday. • Home learning tasks will continue to be set, but as teachers are in school throughout the day they will not be able to apply the same diligence to marking and feedback as they do presently. • Break times and lunch breaks will be staggered with a maximum of 9 pupils on the playground at any one time. Social distancing rules will be enforced during these times. A variety of Fun activities will be offered which adhere to the social distancing measures. • Clothes worn should be easily washable and clean clothes should be worn daily to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. Children should not wear the same clothes for 2 days. • Please ensure children wear comfortable footwear / trainers as outdoor learning will take place as much as possible. Please be conscious of the weather conditions and dress your child(ren) accordingly ie: suncream, hat. Please note we CANNOT apply suncream for your child and so this must be applied before school. • If a child turns up without informing the school of their intention to do so they will not be admitted as they will not have been allocated a teaching group. All parents will be informed of their days prior to school opening on 29th June.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no official breakfast club running however pupils can be offered a breakfast snack if required. • Pupils currently accessing the hub will be included in teaching groups. The hub will run separately on a Friday. • When dropping off your child, please arrive at 8.40am. Park in the top visitors car park. A member of staff will direct you to walk your child to reception. A member of staff will greet your child and walk them to their class. • When picking up your child please arrive at 1.55pm. Park in the top visitors car park. A member of staff will greet you and direct you down to collect your child from reception. • For queries concerning taxi transport please call 01443 494832 • Children will be given the opportunities to engage in learning alongside wellbeing activities. Home learning will continue.
Lunchtimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will school dinners be provided? • What are the lunchtime arrangements? • Will pupils be allowed to eat together? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will bring their own packed lunch to school. If you are eligible for free school meals a packed lunch will be provided. There will be no hot food provided. • Pupils have their own labelled drinks bottles already in school which they can refill so please don't send squash or fizzy drinks. You can provide a healthy snack should you wish to. • Pupils are not to share drinks bottles. • Children will not eat in the hall. Children will eat their lunch in their classroom with their group. If the weather is nice, the children may have the opportunity to eat their packed lunches outside.
Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the hand hygiene measures? • Will the toilets be disinfected after every use, door handles etc? • Will every child be supervised after using toilets to ensure hand washing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings will be cleaned regularly throughout the day in a continuous cycle. Hard surfaces will be cleaned with warm soapy water or the normal cleaning products used. Particular attention will be given to clean 'high-touch' areas and surfaces. These areas will be cleaned at least once a day and more frequently in high use areas based on local assessment, including bathrooms,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will all handles and surfaces be regularly sanitized? ● Will hand sanitiser be allowed to be brought into school by children for their sole use? ● How will things like high touch surfaces be managed? ● Are children able to bring antibacterial hand gel to school for personal use? ● How often will the school be cleaned? ● Are toilet breaks only going to be given at certain time? ● What will be implemented in terms of hygiene (e.g. toilet breaks & handwashing)? ● Can you explain how you will manage toileting? 	<p>railings, tables, toys, equipment door handles, push pads, taps and hand sanitiser dispensers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toilets will be cleaned at several points throughout the day following guidance from the local authority. ● Tissues will be placed in a separate waste bin and disposed of safely. All rubbish will be removed daily. ● Children will be allowed to bring their own hand cream into school to put on their hands after washing / sanitising to prevent them from drying and becoming sore. Antibacterial gel will be provided in school for pupil use. ● Children will have access to toilets at regular times throughout the school day. They will be accompanied by an adult to ensure hygiene protocols are followed. ● We will ensure that all staff and learners regularly wash their hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds. Staff will also ensure learners are reminded of effective handwashing techniques. Regular handwashing will be undertaken including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · On arrival at and when leaving the school or setting. · Before and after handling food. · Before and after handling objects and equipment that may have been used by others. · Where there has been any physical contact. · After people blow their nose, sneeze or cough. ● Resources such as Lego, wooden blocks and other items will be sterilised at the end of each day, ensuring they are clean and safe to use the following time the children are in.
Sickness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will there be any symptom checking for pupils in attendance? ● What will happen if a case of COVID-19 is identified? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under no circumstances should learners or staff attend school if : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, high temperature , loss of taste or smell). They have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days. They live in a household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19. They live in a household with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

- If any person displays the above symptoms of COVID-19, the latest guidance for educational establishments will be followed at all times;
- In any event of someone becoming symptomatic within the school, we will contact the All Wales Health Protection Team on 0300 003 0032 for advice and advise the staff member or pupil (parent carer) to follow the Public Health Wales advice on Test, Trace, Protect. ·
- National guidance on educational establishments and more general guidance on social distancing will be observed when entering/leaving school and throughout the day wherever possible to reduce the risk of spread of infection.
- Should any child show symptoms during the school day they will be kept in an isolation room until they can be collected and taken home. This will be a separate room, supervised at a distance of 2 metres by a member of staff wearing PPE. All parents within this class group will be notified that a child has been sent home with symptoms.
- Should any member of staff show symptoms during the school day, they will be asked to go home immediately, remain home for 7 days and to arrange to be tested. The parents/carers of pupils within the class group will be notified that a member of staff has displayed symptoms and been sent home. Another member of staff will take over the teaching group until either a negative test result has been returned or following 7 days isolation.
- All surfaces that learners or staff with symptoms have come into contact with, will be deep cleaned immediately using the prescribed cleaning products as directed by local authority and Welsh Government Guidance.
- Anyone displaying symptoms should stay at home for 7 days and should be tested. Anyone who lives with someone displaying symptoms but remains well should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person became ill. This includes siblings in other classes. They must remain off school until a negative test has been confirmed or for 7 days if symptomatic or when 14 days has elapsed if no symptoms are displayed.
- Any confirmed case will be reported to the Trace, Track and Report system. · If there are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school, then experts from across the NHS and local government will work together to prevent ongoing transmission within the school. This will involve; identifying those exposed; any pupil or staff member who is at increased risk; and providing tailored infection control advice. Advice based on the assessment of each

		<p>individual situation will be provided to support the school in preventing further spread of the virus.</p>
<p>Home learning and non attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What if my child does not attend school? ● Will online learning continue? · ● What will the arrangements be for at-home education for those children not able to attend school due to the limits imposed by the Welsh Government? ● How will this be coordinated? ● Do you anticipate a difference in the way that the online learning will continue once teachers have to be back in the classrooms? · 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will fully respect any decision made by a family at this time. ● Welsh Government have confirmed that no action will be taken against any parent that decides that their child will not return to school. ● Online learning will continue to be delivered daily. Teachers and support staff will check in and comment and support learning as they do now but there will be times when they will be in school and will not be able to respond as often as they do now. ● There will be no obvious difference in the style of online learning activities used, however, the only change will be the frequency and timing of staff feedback as they will be in school. · ● We will be evaluating our online learning activities over the next few weeks in readiness for the Autumn term.
<p>Well-being ·</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What impact are restrictions going to have on the mental health of children? ● Will some of the same routines be in place for my child to be able enjoy his/her day at school and not become overwhelmed and anxious by the change? ● Will there be any support in place to try and manage the emotional impact of returning to school? · 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The return to school will offer learners a range of mental health benefits. It will provide them with time with friends, a sense of routine and a chance to spend time with adults in school who have become important to them. For many learners, simply engaging in meaningful learning experiences will support their mental wellbeing; helping them to feel a sense of purpose, progression and enjoyment in learning. ● Returning to school itself may well cause anxiety and some learners, especially the younger ones or the more vulnerable will find the disruption of partial return difficult to manage. We appreciate that many, if not all learners may find challenges in this and some learners will find this especially difficult to adjust to. We will support learners to respond to the disruption of routine and school structure and the impacts of long periods at home which may have been difficult. ● Through our “Check in, Catch Up and Prepare” sessions, we will endeavour to provide time to support learners in understanding their own well-being, in rebuilding resilience and developing coping mechanisms to manage the challenges COVID-19 has brought.

<p>Safety/ PPE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What measures will be put in place to ensure the children's and staff's safety? ● Will the teachers be wearing full PPE equipment all day? ● Will children and staff be required to wear face covering? If not, can children and staff wear them if they wish? ● Will staff and children have their temperature checked? ● What protection are both staff and pupils being offered in terms of minimizing contact with large numbers of people over the course of a working week? ● What testing will be in place for students and staff? ● Will the teachers and all other school personnel be tested before going back? ● What will happen if my child refuses to adhere to the safety rules? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is important to remember that physical distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene (catching a cough or sneeze in a tissue or covering the mouth and nose with an elbow or sleeve) remain strongly evidenced to be the most effective ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus. ● Hand hygiene is critical before and after all direct contact with a child or young person, and after cleaning equipment and environment. ● Each child in when will be given their own basket with their equipment in for their day in school. This will enable them to only use the equipment they have. At the end of the school day this equipment will be wiped down with anti-bacterial cleaning products ready to be reused by them again. Each child has an individual ipad which will be wiped with antibacterial wipes throughout the day and at the end of each day. ● Items such as wooden blocks, Lego and other small toys and games will be sterilised at the end of every day to ensure that they are safe to use each and every day. ● The Chief Medical Officer for Wales published guidance on face coverings for the purpose of COVID-19. The advice recommends that it is a matter of personal choice to wear face coverings for the purpose of COVID-19 whenever you leave home and that it is not compulsory to wear them. ● However, if you wish for your child to wear a face mask then that will be down to parental choice. ● The well-being of learners is critical to any considerations around whether staff or older children wear face coverings. Anyone who may not be able to correctly handle the wearing of face coverings or is unable to follow the correct guidance (e.g. young children, or those with special educational needs or disabilities) should not wear them as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. Face touching of any kind should be avoided and kept to a minimum. ● PPE will be required to be worn by staff if there is a suspected case of COVID-19 or when undertaking intimate care of a child – changing /toileting accidents etc.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Temperature checking will take place as matter of routine. If staff consider a child to have developed a temperature throughout the day – parents will be called to collect their child(ren). The symptomatic child will await collection in the supervised isolation room until they can be collected and taken home. ● To reduce the risk of transmission, where possible the same staff will interact with the same group of learners over time. ● Whilst the Education Minister indicated that all staff will be tested before returning to work, information regarding this is unavailable at present. ● Every child will have their own risk assessment and personal handling plan which has been amended to suit this current time. These will be shared with parents/carers prior to the 29th June. ● If it is felt that their behaviour is unsafe for them to remain on site the parent/carer will be called to collect them and the risk assessment will be adjusted accordingly.
Political/ Medical	<p>Why are the children returning to school when the facts still show numbers are still high in Wales with COVID-19? · Why should the children be sent back to school when as adults/family's etc. we can't even socialise in our own homes? · Will it be safe to send my child back to school at the same time a new baby is expected? What are the risks to the baby and child? · Why can't my nursery child return to school before the end of the Summer Term? · How do I apply for a hub space now that the hub has moved to my child(rens) school? ·</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are unable to answer these politically based questions. Please contact your local MS or MP for further guidance ● We will not be able to answer medical questions either. It is advised that you seek clarification and advice from a medical practitioner. ● Childcare for 0-4 year olds will continue to be provided in settings other than schools. However, provision for nursery learners will not take place over the last 4 weeks of the summer term 2020. Should Welsh Government issue further advice on this issue, this position will be reviewed. ● The application for hub spaces will continue to be online through RCT by emailing schoolplanning@rctcbc.gov.uk. The reminders will continue to go out on ParentMail with the appropriate instructions.