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1.	Will school be fully open from 29th June 2020?	No. From June 29th 2020 the Welsh Government has asked schools to work towards a phased return with only a maximum of 1/3 of the children in school at any one time which includes the emergency childcare children
2.	How many days will my child have in school between 29th June and 24th July?	We are hoping to offer 2 days (9am – 2pm) to every child over the course of school opening
3.	Can I choose which days my child(ren) attend?	No. We're sorry but there are a lot of factors which need to be considered, these include emergency childcare for key workers, family groups and ensuring the staffing levels for each child's needs
4.	Does my child have to return to school before the summer holiday?	No. Where a parent or carer wishes for their child to remain at home, then school will support this decision.
5.	I'm a keyworker. What happens now?	If your child is unable to stay at home with another family member then your usual childcare provider should be your first port of call. As a last resort, school is open for a small number of children for whom their parents or carers are Covid19 critical key workers.
6.	My child or a member of our household is currently shielding (clinically extremely vulnerable) What will happen?	Welsh Government guidelines remain that anyone who is currently shielding or lives with someone with a shielding letter will not be able to attend school.
7.	My child is in the clinically vulnerable group, what will happen?	In the context of Covid19, clinically vulnerable individuals are at greater than average risk from Covid19. This category includes a range of chronic health conditions. Children in this category can go to school but they should work from home

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		where possible as guidance from the Welsh Government recognises that social distancing may not be possible on a school context. If in doubt about whether a health condition means they should be shielding, staff, parents and carers should take advice from their GP or hospital doctor.
8.	Can you guarantee my child will not come into contact with someone with Covid19 while at school?	No. The school will be as safe as reasonably possible, and we have written a full risk assessment which identifies ways that we will attempt to minimise the risk of cross-infection. However, scientific evidence released highlights the fact that school cannot guarantee pupil safety.
9.	Can you guarantee social distancing within school?	No. The school will be as safe as reasonably possible. Due to the nature of our pupils needs, it will be difficult to manage social distancing.
10.	Will there be enough staff?	As in all workplaces, we have some staff who are shielding. We are timetabling to work around this to ensure that there will be enough staff.
11.	Will all staff be tested for Covid19 before working in school?	School staff are now in the priority group for testing and a limited number (10%) will be offered a voluntary anti-body test.
12.	Will staff be wearing PPE? Can my child wear a mask?	PPE will be worn by staff, including masks and aprons at all times. Full PPE will be worn when providing personal care. The Welsh Government Guidance advises the wearing of masks where it isn't possible to socially distance. If your child wishes to do so it will be allowed.
13.	Will visitors be allowed in school including parents?	Any visitors to the school will be by appointment only. School will be minimising face to face contact. As far as possible meetings will be held by phone or online via Teams.

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14.	My child is displaying symptoms, can they come to school?	No. Anyone displaying the following symptoms should remain at home: New continuous cough, high temperature, loss of or change in normal taste and smell. Your child should remain home and self-isolate for 7 days. Fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. *If anyone in your home starts to display sympoms you must let us know immediately.*
15.	What happens if my child starts to display symptoms whilst at school?	If your child starts to display symptoms at school then they will be isolated in the school medical room. Parents / carers will be called and must collect their child immediately. *Parents / carers must ensure that they have provided the school with up to date emergancy contact details.*
16.	What happens if a member of staff with my child, or another child starts to display symptoms?	If a member of staff, or another child who is with your child starts to display symptoms at school, then they will be isolated in the school medical room. They will be directed to go home and arrange a Covid19 test and will not be able to return dependent on the results.
17.	What preparations is the school making to maintain safety?	Each classroom has been assessed for capacity Staff are reorganising rooms to allow for social distancing. Items not to be used are being removed. We have ensured that stocks of PPE, soap, paper towels, hand sanitisers, additional cleaning products and bins have been purchased so that each classroom is fully stocked.

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		There will be signage around the school to remind everyone about hand washing and social distancing. Strict areas for use of single groups only No more than 5 individuals to a classroom, this includes staff and pupils.
18.	How will hand washing be managed in school?	All staff and pupils will be expected to wash their hands on entry, and then regularly throughout the day using soap and water. Staff will support children to ensure they are washing their hands correctly.
19.	Will the children of key workers be in my group?	No. The children of key workers will be in their own set group.
20.	My child is in the BAME group. What measures are being put in place?	It is recognised that those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups are at an increased risk of contracting Covid19. We believe that the measures identified in the whole school risk assessment mitigate these risks as far as is reasonably practicable within the current situation. We are unable to guarantee social distancing, therefore parents and carers must make an informed decision about whether they wish for their child to attend the school.
21.	Will my child be in their normal classroom with staff they know?	Each group will be self-contained and will not mix with other groups. Ideally pupils will be in their usual classroom but this cannot be guaranteed due to staffing numbers.
22.	Will my child be with their friends?	We will do our best to accommodate friendships, however as there are many conflicting requirements this may not be possible.
23.	Will you tell us which children are in my child's group?	No. Unfortunately we are unable to share the names of the other pupils who will be attending on the same day as your pupils as

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		parents and carers have the right to change their minds about attending school.
24.	What if my child is unhappy in their group and does not settle?	We will discuss any issues with you personally but cannot guarantee a change in groups.
25.	Will school be operating a normal curriculum?	No. We will be using this time to check in, catch up and prepare for the summer.
26.	What will happen at lunch time?	All children who attend must bring a pre-prepared lunch in a clearly labelled box. *No school dinners will be provided for any child on site.* Pupils will eat their lunch in their classroom.
27.	What will my child do at play time? Will my child be able to use the outdoor play equipment?	Children will need to remain 2m apart in their designated areas. We understand that this is not ideal, however we must follow the guidance from the Welsh Government. No. All playground equipment is taken out of use to prevent contact transmission of the virus.
28.	What will my child need to bring?	Your child will need to bring a lunchbox, a bottle of water, a coat and any personal care items that you would usually send with your child. There is no need to send a school contact book/diary during this time. Sun-cream must be applied before school and a sun hat/cap sent in as necessary.
29.	Will my child need to wear a school uniform?	We will not insist on your child wearing a school uniform. The most important thing is that your child wears freshly cleaned clothes to school to lessen the risk of cross-infection
30.	Can my child bring a snack?	Yes
31.	Will my child attend school full time?	No. Children outside the keyworker group will be offered 2 days at school before the end of term, the day will begin at 9am and finish at 2pm. Parents will not be able to

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		choose which days their child/children attend school.
32.	Will my child be able to come to school in their usual taxi?	Due to social distancing rules, taxi service will not be provided at present.
33.	What will happen at the start and end of the day?	Primary aged pupils will enter using the main entrance. Secondary aged pupils will use the entrance at the back of the school. A member of staff will be instructing one car at a time to drop off pupils, and where possible, only the pupil should exit the car. There will be a one way system at both entrances. Cars must follow the one way system and wait patiently as each pupil enters the school in their turn. The same rules apply at the end of the day, pupils will individually leave the classroom with support staff once you have arrived to collect them.
34.	What will happen if parents/carers do not comply with the safety arrangements on site?	We have been advised to contact the Local Authority Legal department should any individual refuse, or persistently fail to comply with safety arrangements onsite
35.	What time will the classroom doors open?	School opening times for the check in sessions will be 9 - 2pm
36.	Will my child still have first aid administered if required?	Yes. There will be a named first aider on the rota. PPE will be worn by staff carrying out first aid.
37.	What if things change and I decide I no longer want my child to attend school this term?	If you decide you no longer want your child to attend school this term, please let us know by contacting the school or class teacher.
38.	Is school being over cautious?	If ever there was a time to be cautious, then during a worldwide pandemic would be it! Our school family matters to us and we want to ensure that we can make school as safe as possible for when children and staff return. This takes time but we hope

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		that you understand why we are taking these precautionary measures.
39.	Will I still have contact with members of staff after 29th June if my child is not in school?	Yes. School will continue to keep in regular contact with families if their child is not attending school. Work will still be provided by teachers, and we encourage you to contact us for any further support you may need.
40.	Will school be open during the 5 week summer break? What about key workers?	There are no plans for the school to be open during the summer holidays. The LA will be taking over the running of the Emergency Childcare for Key Workers
41.	What will happen in September?	We will keep you informed as the situation develops.
42.	My child is due to leave school this year, will there be some kind of leavers event?	School will continue to monitor Government guidelines and we will do our best to ensure our leavers get the send-off they deserve.
43.	Will my child be getting a report this year?	Yes. The reports will be sent home durig the last week of term.
44.	My younger child is due to start in reception class in September, will we be able to visit, and meet the teacher?	Yes. The Deputy Head, who is also the class teacher has already been in contact with all families of the younger children, and as promised, will be in touch soon to arrange a visit to the school.
45.	Can my younger child due to start in September be in emergency key worker childcare?	No. The childcare is for children on roll only.