

Milton Primary School

Back to School!



24th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and that you have had a lovely summer break?

I wanted to write to you all now as we approach the end of the summer holidays with some reminders in order to help you to plan for your children going back to school.

There have been no significant changes to the Welsh Government guidance that was issued at the end of the summer term, and so the plans which were outlined in my letter on 15th July remain unchanged.

Some reminders:

- In order to support transition in September for all pupils, we will be inviting children in half a class at a time for the first fortnight. This is so they can get to know their new teachers in smaller groups where they will feel more comfortable and to also support them to get back into a routine! Your child's previous teacher sent a letter at the end of term telling you if your child will be in Group A or Group B. These can be found on the website in the 'Transition' section.

Date	Group
Wednesday 2 nd to Friday 4 th September 2020	Group 1
Wednesday 9 th to Friday 11 th September 2020	Group 2
Monday 14 th September onwards	All children

- The most recent guidance from Welsh Government states that from September, '**school attendance will be compulsory.**' It is vital that your child attends the sessions during the first fortnight so that they can settle into their new classes and get used to new routines. We will of course be available to support with any issues around attendance. Parents must report to the school office if their child is going to be absent.
- In order to minimise risk to all who are accessing the school site, we will continue to give an increased amount of time for drop off and collection. **We would ask that parents / guardians stick to these allocated points each time they pick up and drop off and observe social distancing at all times.** All classes will enter and exit school through their usual doors (i.e. Reception and Year 1 through their classroom doors etc).
- **Doors will open from 8:50- 9:15am** to allow for an extended start time to the school day and to limit the number of people on site at one time.

- School will finish at our normal times, 3:15pm for Foundation Phase and 3:20pm for KS2.
- Nursery sessions will run from 9-11am for 'Morning Nursery' and 1-3pm for 'Afternoon Nursery.'
- All children will need to bring a packed lunch to school for the first fortnight. Chartwells will be back on site but they will only be providing packed lunches for those children who are eligible for Free School Meals. On the days that children who have Free School Meals are not invited to attend, parents may visit school to collect the packed lunch.
- There will be no Breakfast Club for the first few weeks of term, but we will endeavour to get this up and running as soon as possible. I will write with more details once we have returned to school.
- Planned INSET days for this academic year are:
 1. 7th September 2020
 2. 8th September 2020
 3. 28th January 2021
 4. 21st July 2021
 5. 22nd July 2021
 6. To be confirmed

I hope this helps to answer any questions you may have about our return to school. If you have any other queries or worries then please feel free to email: Milton.primary@newport.gov.uk or support@miltonprimary.co.uk

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school over the coming weeks.

Take care everyone and see you very soon!

Mrs Burke