



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, may I thank you for all of the messages of support. It really has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back in to school. The children have been very sensible and continue to make us proud. Please can I remind you that children should carry in a lunchbag and a water bottle.

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The extended day has worked really well. Lunchtimes, and arriving and leaving school have gone very smoothly. We have staggered exit and entry times for the safety of children and their parents and carers. Please could I ask parents and carers to leave the school premises as soon as possible and not to stay in the grounds chatting. We understand that you have missed seeing each other. However, we must ensure that distancing is observed at all times by everyone on the school site. We have worked hard to limit the number of adults on the site at any one time. The current scientific guidance that has been issued by the advisory group states that there is potentially a greater risk of transmission between adults at school gates than by children in the school building. Thank you for supporting us with this and helping to keep everyone safe when they're on the school site.

The cleaning routines are going well. We encourage children to use soap and water primarily to wash their hands. We also have plenty of hand sanitiser throughout the building. Please do not let children bring in their own hand sanitiser unless there is a specific medical reason that you have informed us about prior to them coming in.

We have also noticed that some children have been bringing bags into school. Please help us to reduce the risks of transporting the virus into school or from school to your homes. It is easier to clean a water bottle and a lunchbag than it is a rucksack.

I would like to say a *huge* thank you to the leaders of the previous after-school club **Teilo's Fun Club**. There was a substantial sum of money left from the club. This money has been donated to school to support our development of the learning spaces for the children. We are thrilled. The resources we have been able to purchase will make a *huge* difference to our children, particularly in regard to outdoor learning. I will share photographs of some of our new learning resources with you next week.

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We would like to invite all of Year 6 in on Friday 17th July from 11am-1pm for a socially-distanced get together. We are hoping to have a picnic on the field. Please could all children bring their own food and drink and a blanket or a towel to sit on. We have a small gift from the Diocese for the children and a gift from the PTFA.

It would be lovely to see all of the Year 6 children in for the picnic. If you don't think your child will make it, please let the school know so we can arrange getting the gifts to them.

Arrival and departure times for each class will remain the same next week:

Week beginning: 13th July	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Reception	8.55	2.05
Year 1	8.50	2.10
Year 2	8.45	2.15
Year 3	9.00	2.00
Year 4	8.55	2.05
Year 5	8.50	2.10
Year 6	8.45	2.15

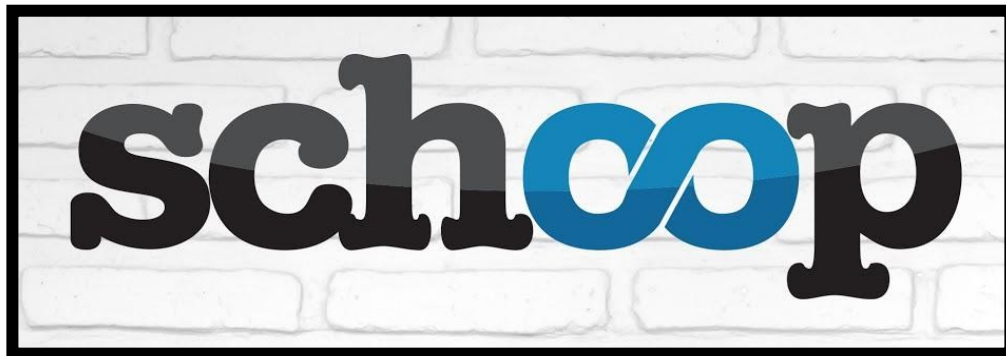
Next week your child will bring home their school report. The report will not be as detailed as they have been in the past. We have followed guidance given for a simpler report this year following the period of lockdown. We hope you will still find them interesting and useful.

If your child will not be coming into school next week, we would appreciate it if you could email the office with your up-to-date email address so we can forward the report to you. Many thanks.

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Schoop is a *free* Communication App used by the school office. It is how we let you know what is happening in school.

It seems that there are *still* a number of parents who have not signed up for the APP.

It is ***essential*** that ***all*** parents and carers download the App to receive important information and news from the school office.

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Download the app by browsing the correct link below on your phone:

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There are more details on the [school website](#) to help you. If you need support please contact the office and we can help you to upload the APP.

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By now you may have seen in the media the Welsh Government's expectation that all schools in Wales will reopen in September for all pupils. This was unexpected but was one of five possible scenarios that headteachers have been planning for.

If you saw the Education Minister's announcement, you will also be aware that the reopening will be phased, attendance will be compulsory and guidance will be issued to schools next week.

All schools have a unique set of factors and considerations; there's never a 'one size fits all' solution. While we now have a rough idea of what will happen in September, we need to wait for more detailed guidance from the Welsh Government and Monmouthshire to thoroughly complete our planning.

We really welcome this announcement and I know that staff are very keen to see all of the children back in school full time as soon as possible. From a safety point of view, having read the scientific guidance this afternoon, I am also comfortable with the reasoning behind the decision and I am confident that we will be able to reopen the school safely and with minimal risk. I am sure many of you will have questions about this decision from concerns over safety, shielding, group size, arrival, departure times and so on. I have a meeting with other Monmouthshire headteachers and the Chief Officer for Education early next week. I hope the information that I receive and can pass onto you will go some way to answer most of those questions. We will endeavour to open as soon as we can to as many pupils as we can in September although I do not expect to be able to welcome all children back in the first week of September.

I know that as parents you want to understand as soon as possible what our plans are, as will your employers, so please be assured that as soon as I am confident that I can share concrete intentions and arrangements with you, I will do. This includes details of our plans for a new after school club. I do not think we will be able to start this in September as guidance so far suggests that classes have to be apart.

Best wishes to you all,

Helen King (Headteacher)

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