

Friday 24th July 2020

### Reminders

- Today is the last day of the Summer Term. Please see the arrangement below for when your child will return to school. Please click the link below for term dates for the academic year 2020-21:  
<https://bbecad97-b607-4cc9-9823-a5153e92222a.filesusr.com/ugd/>

### Arrangements for September

We have now completed our fourth week of the return to school and it has been lovely to hear the sound of children's laughter in the building again. The staggered start and finish times have worked very well and we would like to thank you for your co-operation in making this easy to manage.

If the Welsh figures for COVID-19 cases remain as low as they are currently, we plan a full return to school in September for all pupils. Start and finish times are shown below for each class. It is really important, due to the restricted space outside school and our shared site, that you do not arrive too early and take space in the queue if your child's class is not being admitted/dismissed. We will be adhering to very tight timelines to get everyone into school safely.

Class	Drop off time	Entry/Exit	Pick up time
Dosbarth Seren y Môr	AM pupils 8:50am	Main Foundation Phase Entrance	12:00pm
	PM pupils 12:45pm	Main Foundation Phase Entrance	3:15pm
Dosbarth Dolffin	9:00am	Main Foundation Phase Entrance	3:25pm
Dosbarth Puffin	8:40am	Main Foundation Phase Entrance	3:05pm
Dosbarth Skomer	8:35am	Main Key Stage 2 Entrance	3:10pm
Dosbarth Ramsey	8:45am	Main Key Stage 2 Entrance	3:20pm

As I said last week "There is further guidance from Welsh Government yet to come, this will shape our plans going forward." - this is still the case. As with each stage of reopening, when we receive all the guidance there will be information given to you prior to your child returning to our school. Please continue to keep up to date with announcements on Twitter and the Parents' Zone of our website below:  
[https://twitter.com/st\\_francispembs/status/1281655595091685377?s=21](https://twitter.com/st_francispembs/status/1281655595091685377?s=21)

September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are designated preparation days for school staff. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting back certain pupils from all classes. On Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> a third of pupils will attend each day as part of a phased return, this will enable the pupils to understand the new arrangements and safety rules. From Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> all year groups will be returning every day of the week for the times outlined above. Your child's class teacher will contact you via email with your child's start date. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school.



### Parish Links

We find ourselves in an unprecedented situation where we are unable to celebrate Mass together. Our nearest Parish that is live streaming Mass is Haverfordwest and Narberth.

They live stream on YouTube. this link is:  
<http://m.youtube.com/user/LIFBB>

### Sunday Liturgy for Families

Please find an alternative on the link below provided by Ten Ten resources:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

The school Twitter handle is:  
**@St\_FrancisPembs**

To find out what's happening in each class please follow:

**@DosbarthSerenYM**  
**@DosbarthDolffin**  
**@DosbarthCaldey**  
**@DosbarthSkomer**  
**@Dosbarth\_Ramsey**

The Friends' Twitter handle is:  
**@friendsofstfran**

The Governors have their own Twitter page which will be sharing how they contribute to and challenge our school. The page will develop over the coming year. Please follow:  
**@St\_Francis\_Govs**



### Hub childcare provision

This will finish today, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please see PCC website for further updates on provision for groups of learners. Many thanks for all of the staff who have worked diligently throughout lockdown to provide this essential service. Families are being asked to continue with their usual holiday childcare arrangements.

<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/key-worker-childcare-provision-update>

### Breakfast Club

This will continue, but on a very limited basis; it will recommence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the attached letter outlining arrangements for this provision. It is essential that you book a place in advance for breakfast club. Many schools will not be providing breakfast club, but we are prepared to give it a go and try and make this available for those families who need it. This will be reviewed at half-term to ensure that we are able to adhere to the Welsh Government's social distancing guidelines which may have changed by then.

### Friday afternoon provision

We are intending to run a similar type of provision from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. However due to the restrictions placed upon us by COVID-19 this will have to be altered in order to keep our pupils and staff safe.

1. We will need to limit the numbers of pupils attending on a Friday afternoon as we need to keep pupils from different 'contact groups' separate to avoid mixing them and therefore potentially spreading the virus
2. Restricting the types of activities offered to limit movement to allow for increased cleaning and avoid unnecessary contact between pupils
3. Places to be allocated on a strict booking system to ensure control of numbers
4. The possibility that if we have too many pupils needing to stay, that we may need to consider a rota system or priority given to critical workers
5. Finally a plea that this is only for parents with absolutely no other option for childcare on a Friday afternoon

### Uniform expectations

From September, we will revert to our full standard uniform. Please be mindful that pupils are expected to wear formal school shoes. As usual the children are permitted to wear their summer uniform until October half-term. We would encourage the children to bring a cardigan/jumper each day as well as a coat as the windows will remain open for ventilation and we will be making the most of the outdoors.

### Goodbyes and Shwmaes!

We are saying goodbye to Mr George as he goes to pursue a career in teaching; he will be a great addition to Catholic education wherever he ends up. Also, Miss Lawrence from Dosbarth Caldey, we thank her for everything she has done for our pupils this year. The Eco-Warriors are going to miss you! I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them both well in the future.

Mrs Amanda Skilton has worked in our school for 21 years. In that time she had been a lunchtime supervisor, cleaner and caretaker! Her standards are very high and will be difficult to emulate. An incredibly loyal member of staff who completes her duties diligently - she will be greatly missed. However, I'm sure we will see her in September in a very different role as her grandson starts school!

Mrs Bowen...thankfully it is only goodbye for now! An incredibly challenging year for everyone in education, but to have all that plus a pregnancy, whilst still maintaining her high expectations for herself and providing the best for our pupils, I believe is both admirable and incredible! I know she will be missed by both pupils, parents and staff alike. I am grateful for her dedication, her talents and that she has been a great support to me personally this year. A very busy and exciting time ahead for the Bowens - we wish them all the best!

I am happy to inform you that we will welcome both Miss Skilton and Miss Colligan back to our school in September. They will both be working in Dosbarth Dolffins they are lucky children!

Dosbarth Ramsey met their new teachers this week - Miss Williams came in to meet each group of pupils and Mrs Rees, who is our Acting Deputy Headteacher from September, met the children virtually via Teams. We are looking forward to have them be part of team St Francis.

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I would like to say thank you to you all for the positive way you have embraced what has been a very difficult few months. For the positive feedback and messages of thanks. The standard of some of the work and creativity shown has been fantastic. Well done and thank you to the parents/teachers...maybe a career in teaching is out there for some of you?!

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of the staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure that the very best provision has been possible for our children. They have been constantly thinking of innovative ways to engage our pupils and the results speak for themselves. They now deserve a well-earned break. I will continue in this role as Acting Headteacher in September and for the foreseeable future. Mrs Roberts still maintains her link with our school and has popped into see the children this week. Enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you all return in September.



## BREAKFAST CLUB FROM SEPTEMBER

The Breakfast Club at St Francis Catholic Primary School is a free facility and funded by the Welsh Government. The purpose of the club is to provide a nutritious breakfast to children who would otherwise not be provided with one at home, and to support the ethos of enabling parents to work. The capacity of the school is now obviously very limited and we have to restrict the number of children who attend the Breakfast Club. If you are interested in your child being provided with a free breakfast and would like to book a place, please phone Mrs Thomas in the school office. We will not be able to accept your child unless a booking is made. Early booking is recommended as we have limited spaces available.

Children attending the breakfast club will be expected to eat breakfast while they are there. This facility is not intended to provide childcare and no child automatically has a right to a place. Schools can refuse entry to any child on the grounds of unacceptable behaviour. No foods can be brought into school by the children to be eaten at the breakfast club.

Breakfast club opens at 8am and no children will be allowed on to the premises before that time. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child/children arrive safely and wait to be admitted safely to the building by staff. There will be a member of staff who will greet the children at the Foundation Phase/KS2 entrance and supervise them sanitising their hands and direct them to their designated room.

Unfortunately, we cannot make provision for breakfast club for pupils in Starfish Class/Dosbarth Seren y Môr in the autumn term. However, all children in this class will start their day with food, conversation and the chance to catch up in the mornings. Minimal pupils from Dosbarth Dolffins and Puffins will have their breakfast in Dosbarth Dolphin and minimal KS2 pupils will be in the new studio. The contact groups will be kept separate at all times.

For the autumn term children must arrive for breakfast club by 8.20am. No child will be admitted after that time as our capacity is very limited due to ensuring that we maintain correct social distancing between all of our contact groups. This will also allow enough time for them to eat their breakfast before going to class, some which are starting earlier than previously. Breakfasts are nutritious and help to set the children up for the day; they will be offered fruit juice, cereal and toast. Breakfast club will start on Monday 14th September. This provision will be reviewed at half-term to assess its sustainability whilst adhering to the most recent Welsh Government guidance for schools.

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Miss Mansfield  
Acting Headteacher