

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be in the position to welcome back our KS2 pupils from next Monday. All pupils will return on Monday, unlike the staggered start made by Foundation Phase pupils. The start and finish times will be the same as they were before Christmas – see below.

	Start	Finish
Skomer	8.35am	3.10pm
Ramsey	8.45am	3.20pm

Pupils may arrive and depart at a later time if they have Foundation Phase siblings.

Pupils will be expected to keep what they bring into school to a minimum, just a water bottle and lunch bag if required. There is no need for them to bring in pencil cases or any other items. PE kit can be worn into school on Wednesday as normal. All pupils are expected to return to school in full school uniform. Rather than going to the expense of buying any new school shirts if they have outgrown them, pale blue polo shirts may be worn as summer uniform will be in place after the Easter break anyway.

We have reviewed our risk assessment in line with the latest guidance from Welsh Government and all pre-lockdown Covid implementations remain in place. Extra cleaning of high-touch surfaces and toilets will take place throughout the day. All adults entering the school site are kindly asked to wear a face-covering and follow the one-way system across the front playground. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to you all for the commitment that you have shown to your children's distance learning; it has been far from easy. We have had many 'firsts', a virtual Eisteddfod, bake off, weekly Friday check-ins and mental health awareness videos. All these events served to maintain a sense of connection with our pupils and their families.

We hope that as we slowly ease out of lockdown, we can prevent the need to close any classes and keep further disruption to a minimum. Next week we will be focusing very much on the pupils' wellbeing and trying to gauge what extra interventions and support some of them may need in order to catch up on missed learning opportunities. We will not be rushing into testing the children; activities will be structured to allow class teachers to measure progress and plan lesson content accordingly.

We will be spending Friday afternoon this week preparing the classrooms for the children's return. We are very much looking forward to seeing them; we have missed their contribution to school life and their lively chatter. In the meantime, enjoy the final few days of home learning and have a very relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Roberts