



Saundersfoot Community Primary School

Frances Lane, Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire.

SA69 9HB

Tel: 01834 812819

e-mail: head.saundersfoot@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

admin.saundersfoot@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

www.saundersfoot.pembrokeshire.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr N. Allen

Dear Parents and Carers,

26th February 2021

Welcome to the next phase of education under COVID-19, this week we have seen classes back on the school site for the first time since December 11th – a wonderful scene seeing so many happy and excited pupils (and parents!).

We now begin to look at the arrangements for all the Foundation Phase pupils returning to their classes. Following the taster sessions this week, we do not expect any significant changes. Schools have been asked to remind parents that many other restrictions still apply to our daily lives. Schools have begun their return, but this does not mean all other aspects of children's lives return, no sleep overs, birthday parties or group gatherings.

We wish to remind parents and carers that on pick up and drop off this should generally be only one parent/carer, helping to reduce the number of adults gathering. All adults collecting their children need to wear a facemask and maintain social distance from one another, avoiding gathering around the school gates. The school's staggered dismissal system helped significantly in reducing numbers gathering so we will continue to dismiss our pupils in the same way.

Reception 3:00pm Year 1 – 3:05pm Year 2 – 3:10pm Hub school 3:15pm

This staggered dismissal will help reduce cross contamination, your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Staff teaching face to face have now been provided with appropriate face masks, we ask parents to help reassure and explain to their children that staff will be wearing masks within the classroom.

Should your child be unwell please keep your child at home and follow Government advice. Please remember to inform the school of the absence. Should your child experience any of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please arrange a COVID test - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Lateral flow testing

Staff will now be conducting twice weekly lateral flow tests, reporting their results to the leadership team and NHS. This is a new requirement of the staff and the process has stringent procedures to follow. If a lateral flow test is positive, the staff member must self-isolate immediately and apply for a PCR test. We fully expect to experience some disruption to our education in the next few weeks and at this point it is impossible to forecast the implications for year groups or the school. We wish to reassure you as families we will do our best to limit the disruption caused, however, the health and wellbeing of all at the school is one of our top priorities and inevitably we need to be prepared for all eventualities. Thanks to the efforts of the whole school community so far, we have managed to avoid COVID cases, however, we must face the reality that COVID is in the community and we will sadly experience an ongoing impact on pupils, families and staff.

St David's Day – Monday March 1st

What a wonderful day to return to school! Hopefully, Wales will be triple crown winners too!!

We ask all Foundation Phase pupils to wear National costume or red clothing to help us celebrate returning to school and St David's Day. To help avoid any unnecessary COVID risks we ask that NO accessories are brought into school. We would just like to see Welsh clothing, the usual head wear, flags, banners and

cuddly toys will need to stay home this year. This is purely a COVID safety request, thank you for understanding.

The school has been asked to submit photographs to the local press, should you not wish for your child/ren to be included please inform your child's class teacher via Dojo.

We will be holding a St David's Day assembly at 1pm on Monday, this will be our first assembly with FPh pupils in school and Key Stage 2 pupils at home! Another first for the school, Key stage 2 children as you are at home can accessories as much as you like!!!

New Parent Governor.

The school wishes to express a warm welcome to our new parent Governor, Laura Davies, a parent to a pupil in year 2. We held a Governing body meeting this week and it was lovely to see Laura in attendance. On behalf of the school community welcome to the Governing Body and the team.

Stay Safe – fingers cross for a Triple Crown. Cymru am byth!

N Allen

Headteacher
Saundersfoot CP School