

# Full Return to School September 2020

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# Context

- Schools closure announced Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 for Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- FSM strategy agreed and implemented.
- Approximately 1,000 applications for childcare for key workers processed on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- 6 mainstream hubs and 1 ALN base established Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

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- 4 mainstream additional hubs and 2 vulnerable pupil hubs.
- Over 1,700 staff contributed.

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# July 2020

- Schools re-opened on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, in order to check in, catch up and prepare - maximum of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> capacity.
- Risk Assessments (RAs) were completed for all school sites and staff and pupils who are vulnerable.
- LA guidance was issued.
- Weekly meetings with headteachers continued.

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# June 2020 – September 2020

- Internal LA officer group meet weekly to revise guidance.
- LA officers meet weekly with Trade Unions to consult upon changes to guidance.
- Meetings with headteachers continued through the summer into the autumn.
- New LA guidance drafted.
- Advice and support given for revision of RAs for site and staff.
- Catering and cleaning arrangements continue to be reviewed but all pupils bring packed lunch until 1.10.2020

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# September 2020 Expectations

- FSM delivery continue until 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 designated planning days to enable Risk Assessments to be updated.
- Pupils begin to come in in groups from 3<sup>rd</sup> September so that all pupils will be in from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- Schools to establish business continuity plans.

# What support has been offered to schools ?

- Advice and support for site and individual Risk Assessments.
- LA Guidance regularly updated to include processes, e.g. test, trace and protect.
- Frequent communication and access to advice and support.
- Guest Wifi in all schools.

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# What support has been offered to schools ?

- Ed tech programme.
- Funding for text books for all pupils in Years 10 and 11
- Face coverings policy and distribution
- Accelerated Learning Funding.

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# What have been the most challenging aspects for schools?

- Ensuring social distancing and minimising contact between groups
- TTP process
- Managing anxiety
- Catering solutions, including breakfast clubs, from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020.

# Related Links

- Public Health Wales
- <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>
- Welsh Government
- <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

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# Questions



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