

What the school day will look like, and the procedures in place.

Access to the Kindergarten and main school

MORNINGS

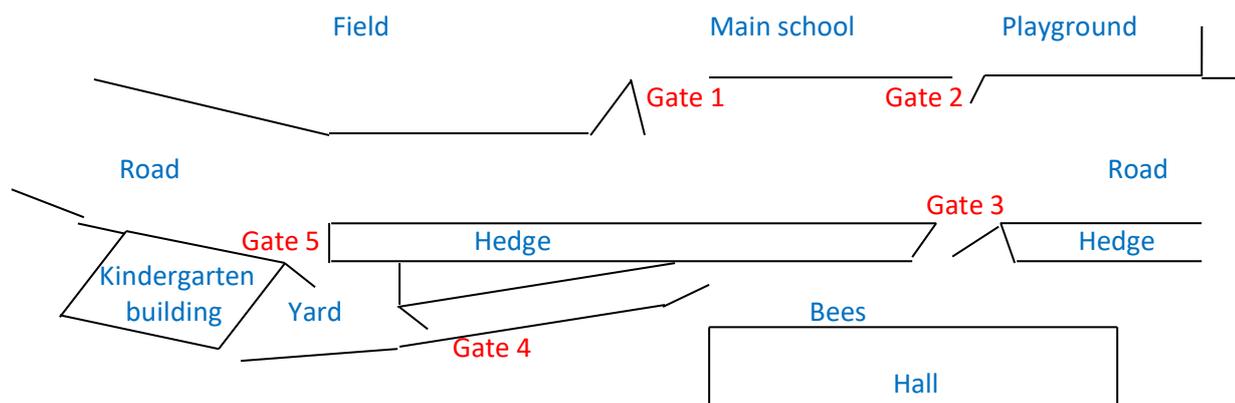
Use one of the 2 car parks to arrive in good time for one family member to walk down to the Kindergarten and/or main school entrances for the start time of 8.55am. (Staff will be ready to welcome children after 8.40am.) If you find you are running late, please return home, to come back the following day.

For the Kindergarten use Gate 3 in the diagram below, and the path from the hall. Although the resident bees on the hall are quite active at the moment they are not aggressive. Walk down to the Kindergarten yard through Gate 4 and greet Niki and Suzie who will receive your child. Leave the yard through Gate 5.

For main school. There will be no cars outside the school. Small painted slate pieces will be laid 2 metres apart to indicate the distance that families should leave between each other if there is a need to wait.

Classes 4/5, 6/7 and 8 enter through the large gate in the corner of the playground (Gate 1)

Class 1/2/3 enter through the small gate to the playground (Gate 2)



Schematic drawing of access gates to Kindergarten and Main School

In main school, teachers will invite children in to the playground and greet them. When they are all in, each teacher will walk with children to the separate designated building entrance for each class, with 2 metre markers painted on the playground to delineate a socially-distanced pathway.

Please make sure that your child has an umbrella and clothing that is suitable in case of wet weather.

In order to simplify transition times children will not be wearing slippers in the building, and instead will wear their outdoor shoes through the day.

Please ensure that your child has shoes that are comfortable to wear for the morning at school.

Class 1/2/3 to steps up to front entrance

4/5 to rear of building and in through upper floor fire exit

6/7 to the west fire exit to climb stairs to first floor

Class 8 to their separate classroom.

Fire exit doors will be used for access and egress at the start and finish of each day, and during the mid-morning break. Once lessons commence these doors will be closed and alarmed and the gates to the playground will be closed.

Please note: Parents will not be permitted inside the Kindergarten or main school buildings and playground unless in an emergency, or by specific invitation of a member of staff.

AFTERNOONS

Kindergarten. Parents should aim to arrive as near to 1 pm as possible. Approach via Gate 3 and the path from the hall. Walk down to the Kindergarten yard and wait outside Gate 4 for Niki and Suzie who will invite you in to receive your child. Leave through Gate 5 in the diagram above.

Main school. Parents should aim to arrive as near to 1.10 pm as possible. If you need to wait please use the tarmac area outside main school, using the painted pieces of slate to denote the requisite distance apart. Teachers will escort the children to the playground to say goodbye.

Children from class 1/2/3 will egress through Gate 2.

Those from other classes through Gate 1.

How many children will be in each group?

These are the numbers that staff are expecting to arrive. If you haven't completed the online questionnaire due in on Sunday 21st June (and received the automated email reply) or informed Lesley of your intention we are not expecting any of your children to arrive on Monday.

Kindergarten – 7 children in Woodland (8 is the maximum number we can take according to Welsh Government guidelines).

Main school

Classes 1/2/3 – 10 children with Mudita (and Marianne on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) in the large downstairs classroom (was Maya's before lockdown)

Class 4/5 – 8 pupils with Tom in Tom's upstairs classroom

Class 6/7 – 7 pupils with John in the next larger upstairs classroom (was Mudita's before lockdown)

Class 8 – 6 pupils with Lucy in the separate classroom on the hill

Break-time arrangements for main school

The outside areas will be divided into 4 zones to avoid mixing of the class groups ("bubbles");

Playground court,

Playground new tarmac (delineated by a painted line of yellow spots),

Around the living willow structure, and

The field.

Classes can alternate between these zones on a daily basis to make it fair on all groups.

New school procedures to be implemented

Risk assessment detailing the arrangements we have put in place to further minimise the risk of anyone contracting, or transmitting, Covid-19 while at Nant-y-Cwm.

It is a requirement that staff and parents sign the contract and return it to the School.

Procedure to be implemented to provide enhanced cleaning of all areas of Nant-y-Cwm.

A document alerting staff to the symptoms of Covid-19, and the procedure to follow if someone (child or staff member) shows symptoms.

How the school has prepared for children returning.

The teaching staff have worked hard to prepare the rooms to be safe and as welcoming as they can be for the returning children. They have also given a lot of thought to how they can best support the children, provide a good Waldorf experience for them, and have fun while doing it.

The new Premises Coordinator, Steve Kemp, has been getting to know the quirks of the buildings and estate and sorting out problems that would have forced to buildings to remain closed.

Lesley and Jane have been keeping the administration and finances not only ticking over, but also providing essential information to the families, and to the trustees to help them navigate the storm that the Covid-19 lockdown has produced.

The trustees have provided a lot of backup to the management of Nant-y-Cwm while the teaching staff have been furloughed and other staff have prioritised the issues required to function as a school and prepare for reopening. The trustees have signed off the risk assessments and updated the procedures for staff to work safely and to provide a safe space for the children.

Joe Sutherland has repainted (with tinted limewash) the wall of Kindergarten adjacent to the road.

Joe and Rebecca Makepeace-Brown have refurbished and painted the windows and porch door frame of main school and repainted the west (pink) wall. Have a look on our web site - <https://nant-y-cwm.co.uk/beautiful-colours-at-nant-y-cwm/>

Some urgent tree surgery work to make safe potentially dangerous trees. As a result there are piles of wood chippings to be used around the site and some logs awaiting use as playground furniture, or just for the pupils to sit on.

All areas of the Kindergarten and main school were thoroughly cleaned on Wednesday 24th June.
