

At Ysgol Cambrian, the **safety, dignity and well-being** of our pupils always come first.

We understand that some children will need to undergo surgery or experience medical difficulties that require extra support before they can safely return to school. Our aim is to work closely with families and professionals to make sure every child's return is **safe, well-planned and fully supported**.

These guidelines outline how we prepare for a pupil's return when surgery or illness affects their mobility, medical needs, or manual handling requirements.

Our Approach

We work in partnership with parents/carers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nursing teams and other professionals to ensure that any adaptations, equipment or support are in place before a pupil comes back to school.

Under normal circumstances, this process is completed within **two weeks**.

What Happens When Your Child Is Ready to Return

1. Initial Contact

Parents/carers contact the school once they feel their child has recovered enough to begin planning a return. This starts the process.

2. Identifying Key Professionals

The class teacher compiles a list of all professionals involved in the child's care so they can contribute to planning.

3. Setting Up a Multi-Agency Meeting

A date is arranged for a **Risk Assessment Meeting** with parents/carers. All relevant therapists and nursing staff are invited.

4. Multi-Agency Risk Assessment

Together, we review:

- Current medical advice
- Mobility and handling needs
- Equipment requirements
- Any changes to routines or support

A joint Risk Assessment is created to ensure the child's needs can be safely met.

5. Transport Planning

If needed, the School Transport Co-ordinator contacts Education Transport to discuss any changes required for safe travel.

6. Manual Handling Review

The school's Manual Handling Co-ordinator uses therapist advice to update or create a new **Manual Handling Risk Assessment**.

7. Classroom Risk Assessment

The class teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team write a Risk Assessment outlining any implications for classroom routines, staffing, or equipment.

8. Final Approval

Both documents form the **final Risk Assessment**, which is reviewed by the school's Health and Safety Officer. If the child's needs can be safely met, a return date is agreed.

9. Sharing the Plan

The final Risk Assessment is shared with:

- Parents/carers
- Class team
- Therapists
- Nursing staff

10. Phased Return

Some pupils may benefit from a **phased return**, gradually increasing their time in school. This will be discussed with the class teacher and planned around the child's needs.

We recognise that every child is unique, and we approach each case with **flexibility, sensitivity and care**.

Parents/Carers' Guide to Returning to School after Surgery

**“Growing Confidence, Celebrating
Differences, Becoming Our Best”**



Our Ethos

Ysgol Cambrian is working towards being a Rights Respecting School and a Healthy School.

Rights Respecting School

We follow the UNCRC and ensure pupils learn about their rights and the rights of others.

Key articles include:

- Article 12: Every child has the right to be heard
- Article 28: Every child has the right to an education
- Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities
- Article 42: Children have the right to know their rights

Healthy School

We promote physical, emotional and social wellbeing for pupils, families and staff

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