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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – March 23rd 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Today marks the first day of an unprecedented time for schools, families and worldwide communities especially in the UK where schools have closed for the foreseeable future and are only open to 'key workers'. This communication is based around the latest government advice and guidance.

Parents of non-key workers

Government guidance has stated that schools have closed due to trying to minimise and stop the spread of coronavirus / Covid-19. This approach was based on social distancing and placing many families into self-isolation. Please see this closure as a way to support your family in not contracting coronavirus / Covid-19 and minimising the spread by remaining indoors, not allowing your children out to 'play' in social spaces such as parks and playgrounds and not meeting up for 'play dates' with other families.

Parents of key workers

A lot has been made of the 'key worker' list and the guidance, both on social media and in the national/local press. The Welsh government has over the weekend updated its key worker list and guidance. The overarching messages are clear –

"If children can stay safely at home, they should!"

"If one parent is a critical worker but the other parent is not, then the other parent should provide safe alternative arrangements at home"

Guidance is clear that both parents need to be on the key worker list in order for your child(ren) to be able to attend school. If you are able to work from home then you are seen as being able to provide childcare so please follow this advice and think carefully before sending your child(ren) into school.

I will be monitoring this throughout the rest of the day and tomorrow and if numbers continue to be high we will have to start prioritising our offer of childcare to frontline NHS staff first such as doctors, nurses and paramedics first. I understand this is short notice, but the situation is changing daily and as previously stated, the main reason that the Government has made the difficult decision to close schools is to encourage social distancing. Numbers in school should be kept to the absolute minimum. We ask that everyone adheres to this updated information, in order to keep everyone safe.

School Routines

The front entrance of school will be the main drop off and collection point each day. The door will open at 08.55am, the designated time for school provision. We politely ask that parents/guardians leave their child(ren) at the green door to encourage social distancing. If you arrive before 08.55am please try to follow the guidance of social distancing by standing approximately 2m away from another person.

At home time, we will be operating as we did last week, where to keep social distancing as a priority we will allow pupils to leave anytime from 2.50pm.

Due to not being able to purchase fruit for daily snack, all pupils will be offered 'toast' for morning snack from tomorrow. Mrs Halliwell will be providing a packed lunch for any pupil who requires it at the normal cost of £2.40 a day. As it currently stands, there will be NO hot dinners available.

For parents/guardians who are utilising the emergency childcare provision all our communications from this point will be sent out via the school website or APP. Staff will be working in teams to ensure we can maintain the provision should any staff member need to go into self-isolation. Therefore, communicating via SEESAW will become more difficult. Should you not have downloaded the school APP, you can do so via –

- schoolsays.co.uk/tanyfron

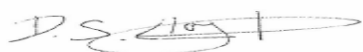
HWB and Google classroom

Even though staff will be working in teams, they will be able to offer support via SEESAW as usual unless they are undertaking a period of self-isolation. We have had many parents/guardians contacting us saying they are experiencing problems with HWB / Google classroom this morning; this is potentially because of the number of pupils trying to access it at the same time. Please rest assured that 'logging on' and navigation will become easier. As previously stated, staff will be allocating educational work weekly on a Monday morning.

At this difficult time can we thank all parents/guardians for their support to date and encourage everyone to stay safe and well and follow all the latest government guidelines to help minimise and prevent the spread of Coronavirus

If you do have any queries please remember that staff can be contacted via SEESAW or the schools email address.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher