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## **Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – March 24<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Following the announcement last night from the Prime Minister, I write to you providing an update on the current situation and proposed changes moving forward.

We have been informed that currently we are providing childcare for too many pupils under the guidelines. As a result, I must ask you to consider if your current childcare needs are **'essential'**, and inform you that as of tomorrow should we not see a reduction in numbers we will be contacting all parents/guardians to look at their individual circumstances. Can I take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians who have already made these difficult decisions and made alternative arrangements to help minimise the risk of potential spread of coronavirus / Covid-19.

### **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"**

School has been told that to reduce our numbers moving forward we need to ascertain further information about both parent's 'key worker' status. It may be that we need to ask parents/guardians to provide copies of their current employment position against key worker guidance along with rota/working patterns. The only exception to this rule will be Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics. After discussion with all parents/guardians, should we still be at a high number we will have to prioritise from the government provided 'key worker' list. E.g. NHS administration staff and finance/utility workers will be less likely to be able to secure childcare provision in school.

### **School Routines**

Thank you for your support in supporting school routines. These will continue to be –

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. 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.

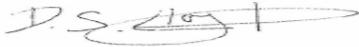
For parents/guardians who are utilising the emergency childcare provision all our communications from this point will be sent out via the school website or APP. Staff will be working in teams to ensure we can maintain the provision should any staff member need to go into self-isolation. Therefore, communicating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

- [schoolsays.co.uk/tanyfron](https://schoolsays.co.uk/tanyfron)

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