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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – May 18th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Can I start by saying a huge “thank you” on behalf of all the staff and myself. As staff we are currently working in teams of 2 or 3 on rotation, so throughout last week the joy and pride of arriving at work to be met by your kind words, drawings and messages was lovely and something we all found very emotional and heart-warming. Whilst we are currently only seeing a small number of children, all of the children are in our thoughts and we look forward to seeing them back in school as soon as it is safe to do so. Again, thank you to the organisers and everyone who participated.

Returning to school is something we all wish to see. However, this must only be done when safe to do therefore I am unable to provide an update on this matter now. The Welsh Government however did publish on Friday two documents which may provide you with more detail about the current Covid-19 situation in Wales and its ‘roadmap’ to ease lockdown measures and specifically the criteria behind a proposed return to school. These documents are listed below and can be found on the schools website.

Wales Roadmap - <https://gov.wales/unlocking-our-society-and-economy-continuing-conversation>

Return to school – https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-05/decision-framework-next-phase-education-childcare_0.pdf

With so much still unresolved I am keen to share with you an update on schools based matters, which would normally take place around now in the school calendar. –

Class structure 2020-21 –

At present we will not be publishing a class structure with teachers names (although this is unlikely to be different than the current structure) along with individual class lists due to the uncertainty of ‘when’ and more importantly ‘how’ we will return to school. It would be wrong of governors and myself to publish these and then the return to school be phased over certain year groups, days and times.

However, we would encourage parents/guardians with any specific requirements or questions regarding class allocation to speak to their current either class teacher via SEESAW or contact school directly via phone or email.

Transition into Nursery / Reception –

As noted on previous correspondences we are aware that parents/guardians have received confirmation of their child(ren)s allocation for September. With visits to school and parent workshops unlikely before we

officially finish in July after the Whit holidays we will be making arrangements to contact each family directly to start the transition process.

Transition into Secondary School –

We have been working closely with all the feeder high schools our pupils will be transferring into. Each school has been working on an online transition program to start with whilst we await further guidance. Miss Harris will be sharing this information from week beginning 1st June, once all the documentation has arrived with us at school.

As it stands after Whit half term, we will be continuing with online learning as normal, we will be working closely with the local authority to provide learning opportunities, which will support transition into each pupil's new academic year group. Please note that NO work will be set for the half term holidays.

Thank you to those parents/guardians who have used the daily phone in service, we hope you have found it useful and it has helped to answer your queries. The daily phone in service will continue to run between 09.30am – 10.00am where a member of staff will be on hand to help and support with any queries you may have. If we cannot help on the morning then we will pass your 'message' to the correct member of staff as a matter of urgency.

In the meantime and throughout the Whit half term holidays, school will continue to function under the repurposed method of providing childcare to all the parents/guardians undertaking 'key workers' jobs. School continues to be open daily to offer childcare services. The daily times will remain the same, 08.55am until 3.00pm. For parents wishing to use the service please inform a member of staff on drop off/pick up of your requirements or alternatively please email school directly.

Please let me remind you of the following key Welsh government guidelines for school provision and also daily practice –

"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"

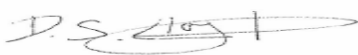
Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave the house for very limited purposes:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
- any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
 - travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home

As the situation changes I will endeavour to keep you updated as best I can and as promptly as possible. In the meantime, please keep yourself and family members safe in these difficult times. If you do require anything, please do feel free to contact school.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher