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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – May 4th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we approach the government update on the proposed 'next steps' for the country I write to you to keep you as updated as possible on the current situation along with sharing more generally some of the queries we have been asked by parents/guardians via SEESAW, Google classroom and emails.

The main enquiry we have in school is a possible return to school date and the structure that may be implemented. As noted in previous correspondents at present we have no idea of either a potential return date or proposed structure. I appreciate that local and national newspapers are suggesting that June may be a proposed start date but this is speculative and at times unhelpful. As with every development in these unprecedented times once we have specific information we will share it with you accordingly.

For the remainder of the term we will be continuing with online learning as normal. However, we are looking to offer a wider range of support mechanisms to parent/guardians and pupils should we not return to school in the near future. From tomorrow we will be offering a daily phone in service 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.

We are very conscious of the upcoming 'transition' for our year 6 pupils. I have started to make contact with all the secondary schools our pupils are moving to in September to start discussions about 'transition' and how we can make this process as easy as possible whilst we remain unsure of the next steps. Miss Harris and I will be liaising in school and contacting parents/guardians with information once we have heard back from the secondary schools.

We are also aware that during the current lockdown measures current Nursery pupils will have received their reception place for September. Under normal circumstances, we would have run a number of transition programs throughout the summer term something, which is not possible. However, Mrs Jones and the team will be making appropriate arrangements to communicate with each individual family after the half term holidays. We are also due to receive the information from the local authority regarding our new Nursery intake many of which are family members of current pupils. Again, we will be arranging to speak with each family once we have confirmed names and contact details of each new pupil.

In the meantime, 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. **I can also confirm we will be open on Friday 8th May for parents/guardians who need childcare.**

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”

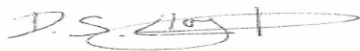
Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

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

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