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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – June 15th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I write to you this afternoon to share with you our reopening of school proposals and the logistics of how the timetable will work. I must stress that at this point all the information shared is provisional and subject to local authority approval. Should any proposals require amending I will inform you at the earliest point.

The proposal has been written with the overarching ethos of 'staff and pupil safety', whilst maintaining key worker childcare provision and welcoming the return of many more pupils under the 'Check in, Catch Up and Prepare' sessions. It is with this ethos in mind that we have made the decision **not** to mix key worker children with non-key worker children as advised in the guidance. This was a particularly difficult decision based on key worker children missing out on catching up with friendship circles. However, with the guidance advising not for bubbles to mix and the increased risk of transmission we feel this is the safest option in developing parent/guardian confidence in the return to school process.

Key Worker Provision

From Monday 22nd June, key worker provision will move from the main school building to the community centre building. This will allow staff, parents/guardians and pupils a week to adjust to new procedures before the formal reopening of schools on the 29th June. Mr Hughes and Mrs Bancroft will be leading the provision and will be the main point of contact.

Whilst the setting has changed, the procedures that are in place will remain the same from Monday 22nd June –

- The provision will continue to run from 08.55am until 3.00pm daily.
- Pupils will be dropped off and collected via the main entrance in the same manner as current procedures.
- Pupils attending will need to bring their own packed lunch, morning snack and drinks. Please provide enough drinks for a full day (especially on warm weather days)
- Pupils attending will NOT need to wear school uniform. As is current practice, Thursdays will include a visit to Forest School with Mrs Bancroft and the team.

Check In, Catch Up and Prepare sessions

These sessions will run in the main school building and within pupil's normal classrooms, although movement around school will be more restricted. The school leadership team and Chair of Governors have followed the Welsh Government guidance in every decision we have made within our planning. Our proposals are as follows –

- Pupils returning for Check In, Catch Up and Prepare sessions will return for a 'block' of three continuous days.
- Pupils will be placed in 'bubbles' of no more than 8 pupils in Foundation Phase. Key Stage 2 bubbles will consist of 8 pupils apart from the year 5/6 bubble which will accommodate 11 pupils.
- Each 'bubble' will work with the same staff member throughout their 'block' of learning.
- All classrooms have been redesigned to accommodate the 2 metre social distancing rule.

Check In, Catch Up and Prepare timetable & timings

Date	Foundation Phase Bubbles	Staff Member	Key Stage 2 Bubbles	Staff Member
W/B 29 th June	Foundation Phase 1	Mrs J Jones	Year 3	Mrs T Humberstone
W/B 6 th July	Foundation Phase 2	Miss H Jones	Year 4/5	Miss C Roberts
W/B 13 th July	Foundation Phase 3	Mrs J Evans-Jones	Year 5/6	Miss C Harris

Each bubble will run on a **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**. This approach allows school to undertake a deep clean on the Thursday and Friday and allow the recommended 72-hour quarantine period before a new 'bubble' accesses the school site.

Timings

As stated in the Welsh Government guidance, start and end times will need to be staggered to allow effective social distancing. As a result, the times for the school day will be as follows –

Foundation Phase Bubbles – 09.00am arrival – 2.20pm departure

Key Stage 2 Bubbles – 09.10am arrival – 2.30pm departure

The leadership team has taken the decision to implement an earlier finishing time by implementing a shortened lunchtime period, where maintaining social distancing we feel is the hardest part of the day for the pupils.

School and Classroom Settings

When in school pupils will have restricted movement. Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 bubbles will not be exposed to each other at any point throughout the day due to specific and strict timetabling measures. Internal doors will create a 'vacuum', which prevents cross contamination opportunities therefore minimising the risk of transmission.

Throughout the reopening period, there will be **NO** whole school opportunities such as 'celebration' or collective services. This will also apply to break and lunchtime. Pupils will play and eat lunch separately within their 'bubbles'. Following the guidance, we will throughout each pupils 'block' be looking to maximise outdoor learning opportunities. Should this not be possible due to weather constraints we will be ensuring maximum ventilation throughout school and each classroom.

Nursery Provision

As previously stated the local authority has informed us that the reopening of schools will **NOT** include provision for Nursery. Children of key worker parents/guardians will still be able access the key worker childcare should it be required. Mrs Jones and the Foundation team will start the transition program for pupils starting Reception in September from week beginning 22nd June with an individual phone call to each family.

Welsh Government Guidance

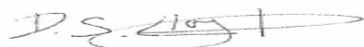
Our decision-making has been based around guidance from the following document - **Keep Education Safe: Operational guidance for schools and settings (COVID-19)** for any parents/guardians wishing to read the guidance please follow the link below –

<https://gov.wales/keep-education-safe-operational-guidance-schools-and-settings-covid-19>

On Wednesday, we will be publishing the final part of the reopening process documentation. That correspondence will provide clear guidance on issues relating to your child(ren)s time in school. Some of the areas covered will be dropping off/picking up routines, school uniform, lunchtime arrangements and what to bring/what not to bring.

As always, can I thank you for your continued support. Please keep yourselves safe and well.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher