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## Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I write to you with an update on the current situation both locally and nationally in relation to the Coronavirus pandemic. Many of us will have seen news reports, pictures and social media threads on the return to school of pupils in England from selected year groups yesterday. The situation has divided opinion and I am sure, like me with a daughter in Reception, yesterday left many wondering what would I have felt and done if currently living in England.

It also brought a range of messages, telephone calls and emails to school yesterday about the return to school in Wales and the 'set-up' we would have to educate pupils at Tanyfron. Firstly, I wish to remind you that Wales has **no** confirmed start date for pupils returning to school. However, the education minister is due to make a statement this week, which may provide clarity on a return to school date. I also hope that announcement will allow the governing body, myself and the staffing team time to communicate with you our plans moving forward.

I appreciate the images/pictures shown to date not only for education but also for everyday situations such as visiting the supermarket show a new way of life. I fully expect a number of these current measures to be with us whenever we start back, but please rest assured however different the school setting may look our ethos to ensure each and every pupil is safe, happy and learning to his/her best potential will remain our number one priority.

As previously stated, returning to school is something we all wish to see. However, this must only be done when safe to do so. The Welsh Government have published 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](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-05/decision-framework-next-phase-education-childcare_0.pdf)

### **Change of Circumstances Form -**

As the country and United Kingdom begin to ease their lockdown measures, it has resulted in a large number of parents/guardians applying to use school for childcare. The local authority has seen a near 100% increase over the last fortnight. As stated in previous correspondences **all** schools have a limited capacity

to ensure safety and therefore all new applicants are going to be asked to complete a 'Change of Circumstances' form to help the local authority/school allocate places following the national guidelines. These will be emailed to parents/guardians who request childcare provision and we ask they are returned alongside any dates you require so please allow your family enough time for the paperwork to be completed and assessed before your first required date.

As I mentioned earlier with many questions remaining, I am keen to share with you an update on school based matters, which would normally take place around now in the school calendar. –

#### **Class structure 2020-21 –**

As previously stated 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 current uncertainty of 'when' and more importantly 'how' we will return to school.

However, we would now 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 by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**.

#### **School Uniform Orders –**

We are currently in discussions with our suppliers about their ability to be able to supply school uniform orders and the timescales they may need depending on when schools are due to reopen. We also await clarification that pupils will be asked to return to schools in uniform. I appreciate this does not provide much clarity but please be assured when I can provide further information and timescales I will do so.

#### **Transition into Nursery / Reception –**

Over the next two weeks, we will be looking to communicate with all existing and new families regarding the transition and starting of school in September. Each conversation will be personal to your child and their individual needs so please do not be worried/concerned if through discussions with other parents/guardians different areas of school life have been discussed.

The Foundation Phase team and I will be speaking with close to forty families so again please bear with us if we do not contact you straight away.

#### **Transition into Secondary School –**

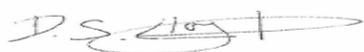
All arrangements with local secondary schools have now been completed. Again, this week Miss Harris and I will be looking to speak with individual families to confirm the transition arrangements for each secondary school and individual pupil.

#### **Online Learning -**

Staff across the school will continue to provide home based learning opportunities, as they have to date for the rest of the summer term. Each class now has their own personal set-up, which again may differ from other classes. Please consult with your class teacher should you have any requirements specific to your child(ren).

As always when the situation changes I will endeavour to keep you updated 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



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Headteacher