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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – July 10th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I write to you following on from the education minister's announcement yesterday that schools will reopen in full from September 1st 2020.

Whilst the announcement for us as governors and staff is a welcomed one, with the supporting guidance not being released until Monday 13th July it gives us very little time before the official close of the academic year (Friday 17th July) to fully plan for the restart.

Therefore, I wish to share with you our initial thoughts and proposed timeline. Firstly, now confirmation has been given that all pupils will start back in September, we will be releasing class lists on Monday 13th July. Whilst these are normally shared through letter this year the communication will come via your child's current class teacher.

On Wednesday 15th July, we will be looking to share with you a provisional plan for the restart in September. I must stress that this plan is provisional and many alterations/amendments will occur throughout the summer holidays.

Some of the main points I wish to share with you from the current guidance and what was shared by the education minister are –

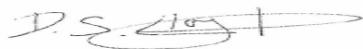
- Upon the guidance being published schools across the borough will be liaising with the local authority to ensure a common approach where possible for all schools.
- Schools have a flexibility window of 2 weeks to ensure their plans are workable and Covid safe so it is likely that all pupils will not be in school collectively and daily until **Monday 14th September**.
- Staggered start and finish times will remain in place for the Autumn term for all classes/bubbles. It is likely that the school's official start and end time will be altered for the Autumn term.
- Social distancing regulations are to be reduced from the current 2 metre distance. Further guidance will be provided on this area.
- Bubbles will be based on class sizes of 30 where possible. However, due to the nature of the school building and layout it is likely Foundation Phase (Rec/Year 1 and Year 1/2) will be one large bubble.
- For any parents/guardians who choose NOT to send their child(ren) back to school in the first instance there will be no financial penalties for non-attendance. However, this will be monitored and reviewed by the Welsh government and local authority.
- The guidance will provide information on the potential reopening of Breakfast Club and After school provision provided by Dragons Daycare.

At this point I would ask all families to consider whether their child(ren) will be returning in September. Should you be thinking that your child(ren) **will not** be returning could you please inform your current class teacher. I fully appreciate that family's decisions may change over the holiday period.

As always, can I thank you for your continued support. I appreciate that this next week will be extremely busy for parents/guardians in trying to understand the guidance. We will of course endeavour to answer any queries you may have and please remember as well as your child's SEESAW, school is open daily between 9am and 3pm.

Please keep yourselves safe and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. S. Lloyd', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher