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Return to School in September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

It has been lovely to see, hear and listen to all our pupils back on site today. From school's perspective whilst we have welcomed pupils back since the start of September, we certainly feel that today represents the start of the year from a learning perspective. As I said in my previous correspondences on behalf of all the staff can I thank you all for your support and understanding as we all settle into the 'new normal'.

As we all start to settle into the new routines, we aim to keep you updated as clearly and accurately as possible. As a school, like everyone, we hear the latest updates from the Welsh Government at the same time and amend/alter our plans accordingly. This will be the process we will continue with over the next few weeks and months. However, as is only natural questions will arise which we will deal with accordingly and at the time.

Therefore, a number of parents/guardians has asked us about the processes we will be implementing around medical/illness issues. As I am sure, you can imagine this area in not only schools but also society generally is causing great debate.

From a schools perspective we alongside the Wrexham local authority and the Bryn Alyn Cluster will be following the guidance issued by the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales (PHW) around all medical/illness issues, but guidance for Coronavirus/COVID-19 is quite clear and is listed below –

Respiratory illnesses	Length of Time an individual is to be kept away from Setting	Comments
COVID-19 (coronavirus-19)*	10 days from onset of symptoms (high temperature $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$; new continuous cough; or loss of/change in sense of smell or taste). OR 10 days from date of test, if asymptomatic.	Infectious for 2 days before onset of symptoms/test date to 10 days afterwards. Can return after 10 days if no temperature for 48 hours without medication.

I appreciate that we are entering the time of year where pupils will naturally pick up a range of illnesses. It is at this point that we need to work together as a school community in making the right decisions to prevent any illness spreading amongst others.

We are therefore asking parents/guardians should their child(ren) develop symptoms of **any** illness to use their judgement on whether they believe their child(ren) are well enough to attend school. From schools perspective, we will be using our professional judgement in making a decision on the need to phone home and ask for a child/family to be collected. We are of course aware that sending a child/family home with a cough/temperature specifically will result in us asking you to isolate for 10 days. This is not a decision we will take lightly but with the interest of safety for all.

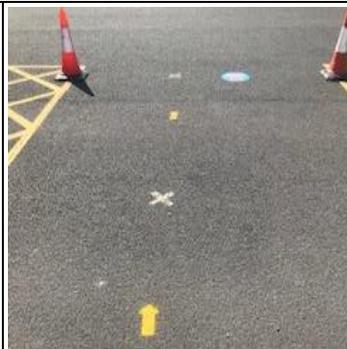
In the case of coronavirus/COVID-19 generally, if a child presents any symptom both at home and/or school the 10 day isolation period will need to be followed unless we are provided with evidence of a 'negative' test result and your child's temperature has returned to a normal level for 48 hours without medication. **We will NOT be able to show any exception to the rules/guidance.**

We would rather parents/guardians show a cautious approach to the situation and contact school with any queries/questions you may have before arriving at school with your child(ren).

A full copy of the PHW (Public Health Wales) **Recommended Time to Keep Individuals Away from Settings because of Common Infections** (July 2020) publication has been uploaded to the school website for your guidance. (www.ysgoltanyfron.co.uk)

Nursery Dropping off/Picking Up routines –

Following our observations of the Nursery drop-off/pick up last week we have amended our systems from today. We have implemented a one way system to minimise the risk of parents/guardians needing to gather in one area. The one way system has been socially distanced at 2metre intervals to ensure we are meeting all the latest guidance. Details and pictures are shown below for those parents/guardians who may not yet have used the system. We also ask that parents/guardians pupils leave their child(ren) at the blue gate to ensure social distancing between staff and parents/guardians.

			
<p>Please enter the one-way system from Tanyfron Road and proceed up to the Nursery building.</p>	<p>Whilst waiting to collect your child(ren) please observe social distancing measures.</p>	<p>Please drop off/pick up your child(ren) from the blue gate. Please DO NOT as a parent/guardian proceed through the blue gate.</p>	<p>Upon drop-off/pick up please leave following the on way system.</p>

Flu Vaccine –

Your child(ren) will today have brought home a white envelope which includes all the information for the annual Flu vaccination. We ask that all parents/guardians complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. The vaccination day for school is **THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER**

Tempest Photography –

Currently Tempest Photography are booked into school on to undertake the traditional individual and family photos on **TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER**. School is delighted that this event is still able to take place, however we must inform you that should current guidance change the event will be cancelled and rescheduled for when the guidance permits.

Thank you for your continued support and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us in school or via your class teachers SEESAW.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher