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Return to School in September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Can I start by thanking all parents/guardians for your support and understanding last week whilst we welcomed back all our learners. I appreciate that like us as staff the pupils and yourselves are having to learn and show great flexibility around the 'new normal'.

It has been wonderful to welcome all the pupils back to school, catch up with parents/guardians and welcome our new Nursery cohort to school. We look forward to continuing to develop and foster positive relationships with everyone over the next few weeks. The pupils were fantastic in adapting to the new normal and have shown great resilience in returning to school. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching our pupils learn, laugh and play. School has felt like a school again, which has been wonderful.

As we enter the final week of the transitional period, we have continually reflected on how we can make our practices even smoother and safer for all stakeholders. Over the next few weeks and months, we hope to be able to operate with more flexibility, however for now we have to follow the guidelines strictly. As a result, I wish to clarify a few points, which have come to our attention.

Breakfast Club –

From **Monday 14th September** breakfast club will return to the normal opening time of **08.00am**. As previously noted until the next review (October half term) breakfast club will only operate for 'key workers'. Thank you to all parents/guardians who have provided evidence of their key worker status, and anybody wishing to start using breakfast club will be asked to provide evidence of their status.

At present, it is not our intention to provide a booking form as we appreciate numbers will not reach our capacity but this may change over time. Whilst there is no charge to breakfast club at the moment, charges will be reintroduced from Monday 14th September. Costs remain at £1.00 between 08.00am and 08.30am. Where possible we encourage all parents/guardians to make online payments.

Dropping off/Picking Up routines –

As we work on the new procedures as was always going to be the case there were 'teething problems'. Overall we were pleased with how they worked and understand as we all get used to them they will get quicker. One of the main points being stressed to us from the local authority and Welsh Government is the need to try and minimise 'contacts' of parents/guardians where the risk of transmission is higher.

Foundation Phase Drop Off/Rec/Year 1 Pick Up -

As I am sure, you have all seen over the summer we have had new gates added to extend the Foundation Phase outdoor area. These for safeguarding reasons will be locked throughout the day. Therefore, please aim not to arrive at school prior to 08.45am, as the gates will remain locked. The same will also be in place for collection at 2.45pm, Mrs Jones and the team will not open the gates any earlier.

Key Stage 2 Dropping off –

Whilst we are opening the 'gate' at 08.45am for pupils who have a sibling in Foundation Phase, we are not able to allow pupils onto the yard before their allocated drop-off time. Whilst trying to have a degree of flexibility we ask parents/guardians drop off their child(ren) as close to the stated time as possible.

Key Stage 2/Mrs Evans-Jones Picking Up routines –

As you may have seen from today, we will be asking Mrs Pritchard to supervise the entrance to the playground from 2.40pm to ensure only parents/guardians of the right class/bubble enter at the correct time. Parents/guardians who arrive early will be asked to wait outside the gates until it's your class/bubble turn to leave. Should you be entering school from St Albans Road please wait at the gate until the correct time.

St Albans Road Gate –

As stated above access to school from St Albans Road has returned to normal. However, unfortunately parents/guardians **will not** be able to cross the yard between 08.30am and 09.15am due to breakfast club.

Please note – *We will not be able to welcome any Foundation Phase pupils to school at 08.45am via St Albans Road due to the risk of crossing bubbles. Please access school from Tanyfron Road.*

Supporting your child(ren) during their time in school -

As staff, our main priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. In normal times especially with younger pupils and at this time of year this can involve a reassuring hug, holding hands when handing over at the gate or supporting your child in the event of an accident.

We appreciate that at these difficult times it may not be as appropriate or easy. From speaking to all staff we want your child(ren) to feel a sense of warmth, safety and security in school so we will as staff where applicable use the above strategies in school to support your child(ren).

Please make us aware via your class teacher should you NOT wish us to engage in physical contact with your child(ren) in any of the above situations.

School Snack –

As previously, noted school will be providing school snack as normal from **Monday 14th September**. The cost for the full academic year remains at £30.00 or can be paid termly at the cost of £10.00. Weekly and daily payments can also be made at the cost of £1.00 and 20p respectively.

For those parents/guardians who wish to utilise this service please send your payment into school in a sealed and named envelope. Staff will be on hand from tomorrow to answer any questions you may have.

Hand Sanitising

As part of our safety measures we will be encouraging more regular and frequent hand washing/sanitising throughout the school day. The local authority have supplied all schools with hand sanitising gel which has an alcohol content. Please inform your class teacher directly should you wish your child(ren) not to use this product. Pupils are permitted to bring/carry a 'hand gel' from home.

Outstanding monies –

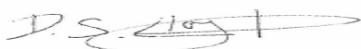
At the time of lockdown school was in receipt of a large number of parent/guardian payments. These include Glan Llyn, Swimming and school snack. We will be contacting families from **Monday 7th September** to understand how you would like us to proceed with these payments. For example, a number of cheques, which we have not been able to cash, will need to be returned to you.

Contact with parents/guardians via SEESAW

If teachers have not already, we will be confirming new SEESAW arrangements for the academic year ahead this week. This remains the main way of directly accessing your child(s) class teacher whilst seeing all the exciting learning opportunities going on in school. Should you not have received any information by Wednesday 9th September please make me aware.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
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