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## **Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Can I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope your family are safe and well and were able to enjoy the holiday period under the challenging circumstances. Following on from various announcements made yesterday by the Welsh Government, I wish to clarify schools situation in response to school closures. This communication is based around the latest government advice and guidance and at present only for the period Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Parents of non-key workers**

Welsh Government guidance has stated that schools have delayed the start of face-to-face teaching to try and minimise and stop the spread of coronavirus / Covid-19. Please see this delay as a way to support your family in not contracting coronavirus / Covid-19 and minimising the spread within the local community. As a result, from yesterday class teachers have/will be setting work 'online' through the normal school communication channels of SEESAW and Google classroom.

### **Parents of key workers**

As with the previous lockdown situation, school will be offering daily provision for children whose parents/guardians are classed as key workers from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January** onwards. **This provision will run as it did previously from 09.00am until 15.00pm daily.**

The Welsh government has updated its key worker list and guidance and this can be found at [www.gov.wales/coronavirus](http://www.gov.wales/coronavirus). The overarching messages remain clear –

**“If children can stay safely at home, they should!”**

**“If one parent is a critical worker but the other parent is not, then the other parent where possible should provide safe alternative arrangements at home”**

**Only use the key worker provision when absolutely necessary and there are no alternative means of childcare.**

We ask that key worker parents/guardians continue to inform school via the school email address and class SEESAW of any bookings they need for Thursday and Friday this week and next week (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January) as soon as possible so appropriate staffing structures can be organised.

We still have copies and acknowledgements of key worker status from the last 'lockdown' period and breakfast club so unless you are accessing key worker provision for the first time you will not need to provide any additional information.

**Please note – As with the first key worker provision all pupils will be in a mixed bubble separate to the bubble they were in before the Christmas holidays.**

### **School Routines**

The front entrance of school will be the main drop off and collection point each day. The door will open at 09.00am, the designated time for school provision. We politely ask that parents/guardians leave their child(ren) at the green door to encourage social distancing. If you arrive before 09.00am please try to follow the guidance of social distancing by standing approximately 2m away from another person.

At home time, we will be operating as we did last time, where to keep social distancing as a priority we will allow pupils to leave anytime from 2.50pm.

All pupils attending key worker provision will need to bring a snack, packed lunch and drinks for the day.

### **Dragons Daycare**

Following on from the announcements made yesterday, I can confirm that current guidelines allow Dragons Daycare to remain open to provide breakfast club, wrap around and after school provision. Katie and the team will be open their normal daily hours (08.00am – 17.30pm)

Due to the changes in our guidelines, we are now not in a position to offer breakfast club provision so Katie and the team can offer this provision to any parents/guardians who require any childcare between 08.00am and 09.00am. We will be liaising very closely with Katie and the team as we always do to ensure pupils are collected and dropped off at the appropriate times.

### **HWB and Google classroom**

Even though staff will be working in teams, they will be able to offer support via SEESAW and Google classroom as usual unless they are undertaking a period of self-isolation. We have had many parents/guardians contacting us saying they are experiencing problems with HWB / Google classroom; this is potentially because of the number of pupils trying to access it at the same time. Please rest assured that 'logging on' and navigation will become easier. As previously stated, staff have/will be allocating educational work yesterday and again tomorrow morning.

For next week and any extended period of 'school closure' work will be set on a Monday, Wednesday and Fridays if required by individual class teachers.

### **Year 4/5 Class**

We are delighted to formally welcome Miss S Burgin to school; although both she and I are disappointed, she cannot currently meet anyone face to face. However, we are currently working with the Welsh Government and local authority to ensure Miss Burgin is up and running as quickly as possible. Therefore, online work yesterday was posted via Mrs Jones but is being accessed by both Miss Burgin and Mrs Jones. A new or handed over SEESAW account will be set up hopefully by Thursday, which will further support communication.

At this difficult time can we thank all parents/guardians for their support to date and encourage everyone to stay safe and well and follow all the latest government guidelines to help minimise and prevent the spread of Coronavirus

If you do have any queries please remember that staff can be contacted via SEESAW or the schools email address.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher