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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – February 23rd 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I write to you this morning to share with you our reopening of school and the logistics of how the timetable will work following approval from the local authority to begin the reopening process. The proposal has been written with the overarching ethos of 'staff, pupil and parent/guardian safety', whilst maintaining key worker childcare provision and welcoming the return of Foundation Phase pupils under the Welsh Government 'Reopening' mission.

The Wrexham local authority has announced that schools will reopen via a phased return from **Friday 26th February**. Following discussions with the local authority and Bryn Alyn Cluster schools our Foundation Phase department will reopen as follows –

- Nursery – Miss H Jones – **Friday 26th February** – 08.55am – 11.25am
- Foundation Phase – Mrs J Jones & Mrs Evans-Jones – **Monday 1st March** – 08.45am – 14.45pm

Foundation Phase Pupils

As parents/guardians will already be aware from the start of the school year Foundation Phase staff and pupils are separated in two bubbles as follows –

- Nursery bubble – Miss Jones
- Foundation Phase bubble – Mrs J Jones and Mrs Evans-Jones class.

This process will remain in place when pupils return to school from Friday 26th February and will be used by the Test, Trace & Protect team should there be any confirmed cases within the school community.

Foundation Phase Timings

Nursery and Foundation Phase pupils will start and finish school with the same times as before the second lockdown started. As a result, the times for the school day will be as follows –

Nursery – 08.55am – 11.25am
Foundation Phase – 08.45am – 2.45pm

Dropping Off & Picking Up –

We will not be altering the dropping off/picking up systems, which were in place for Nursery and Foundation Phase when school closed back in December. These processes worked well for staff, pupils and parents/guardians.

However can I please remind you of our procedures to keep school as safe as possible –

- Please drop off / pick up your child(ren) as close to the allocated time as possible. Please **DO NOT** start to queue for Foundation Phase drop off **before 08.40am** as this creates an obstruction for families wishing to access breakfast club and for staff trying to enter school.
- Foundation Phase parents/guardians can access school from both sides off the 'double gates'. This approach was introduced to stop parents/guardians not having to walk on the road if arriving from the bottom of Tanyfron Road.
- Parents/guardians with a child(ren) in Mrs Evans-Jones class once you have entered the main schoolyard, please stand on a 'yellow cross' to ensure social distancing guidelines.

- Where possible only ONE parent/guardian should enter the school premises to undertake drop off / pick up procedures.
- Please ensure you wear face masks when dropping off/picking up your child(ren).
- Please vacate school and the surrounding areas as soon as you have dropped off / picked up your child(ren) and do not congregate with other families.
- Please do not enter the school building unless necessary. Myself and teachers can be contacted by phone, email or class SEESAWs.

Foundation Phase Lunches

Mrs Halliwell and the catering team will be running as normal from Monday 1st March, therefore pupils will be able to order a 'school dinner' from the 2020-21 temporary menu. Alternatively, parents/guardians can provide a packed lunch.

Key Stage 2 Key Worker Provision

From **Monday 1st March**, Key Stage 2 key worker provision will remain within the main school building. The procedures that are currently in place will remain the same –

- The provision will continue to run from 08.55am until 3.00pm daily.
- Please book 'Key worker Provision' by contacting your child's class teacher on SEESAW, speaking to a member of school staff this week in 'Key Worker Provision' or via the school mailbox address (mailbox@tanyfron-pri.wrexham.sch.uk)

However, there are a small number of changes, which will be implemented from **Monday 1st March** –

- Pupils will be dropped off and collected via the main playground. Key workers can access the yard from 08.55am and will be dismissed via the door by Miss Harris and Miss Burgin's room.
- Pupils attending key worker provision will be able to order a 'school dinner' from the 2020-21 temporary menu. Should your child(ren) want a packed lunch they will need to bring their own packed lunch, morning snack and drinks. Please provide enough drinks for a full day (especially on warm weather days)
- Pupils attending will need to wear school uniform daily.
- Key Worker provision will be overseen by the Key Stage 2 teaching team and will be based around supporting the online learning provision.

Key Stage 2 Online Learning Provision

In line with the Welsh Government Guidance, we will be continuing with the online learning provision for those Key Stage 2 pupils who are not eligible to attend school. Staff alongside parents/guardians have made huge strides with the implementation of home learning to support pupil learning. We will continue to add to this program whilst we wait for further information regarding the return of all Key Stage 2 pupils, which has been provisionally stated as **Monday 15th March**.

Welsh Government Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will reopen on **Monday 1st March** in line with the reopening of full time pupils in Foundation Phase. Provision will be available for both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 Key Worker provisions. Breakfast club will run under the same guidance as before the Christmas holidays.

- 08.00am – Breakfast Club opens
- 08.00am – 08.30am - £1 charge
- 08.30am – 08.40am – Free of charge
- 08.40am – Last entry to Breakfast Club

Please note – All payments for Breakfast club need to be made in advance and via the local authority online payment system.

Dragons Daycare

Dragons Daycare remains open and any parents/guardians who may require wrap-around care or after school, provision is advised to speak with Katie and the team regarding any bookings, which are required.

Welsh Government Guidance

Our decision-making alongside the local authority has been based around guidance from the Welsh Government, which is regularly updated and follows the latest scientific advice and guidance. Should you wish to find out more information on the return to school you can do so at the following website – www.gov.wales/education-skills

I appreciate that the return to school of pupils comes with mixed emotions for all of us. As we always have as staff, governing body and leadership team, we aim to make the school environment as safe as possible. Please help us by ensuring you follow the Welsh Government Level 4 alerts and social distancing guidelines.

As always, can I thank you for your continued support. Please keep yourselves safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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

Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher