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## School Update – April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Can I start by thanking everyone for making today's return to school so smooth and easy. Your ongoing support and understanding is making these difficult times a little easier. As we start the summer term, I wish to share with you a number of updates regarding the daily running of school.

### Welsh Government Breakfast Club

Following the latest set of coronavirus figures shared by the local authority yesterday, we are now in a position to be able to start the reopening of Breakfast club to non-key workers. Therefore, from tomorrow Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April we will be able to welcome non-key worker pupils **from 08.30am** onwards.

The governing body and I are delighted that we are now in a position to offer this service in the hope it will provide greater flexibility as parents/guardians return to work. We will continue to monitor and evaluate the latest guidance along with the potential increase in daily figures and look to reopen breakfast club to all pupils from 08.00am as soon as is safe to do so. Our first review date will be the half-termly governors meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Therefore times and availability are listed below -

- 08.00am – Breakfast Club opens
- 08.00am – 08.30am - £1 charge – **Key workers only**
- 08.30am – 08.40am – Free of charge – **Open to ALL pupils**
- 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.**

### Dropping Off & Picking Up –

We are hopeful that the reopening of Breakfast Club to more pupils will further aid the ability of parents/guardians to social distance effectively in and around school along with helping to ease traffic congestion. It was brought to the governor's attention and mine prior to the Easter holidays of a small number of parent/guardians congregating in and around the staff car park following drop off/pick up.

Therefore 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.
- Parents/Guardians with a Key Stage 2 and Foundation Phase child can drop off on the Key Stage 2 yard from 08.45am onwards.
- Parents/guardians 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.

We will monitor this throughout this week and will look to make any suitable changes should it be needed.

### **Implementation of 'ParentPay'**

As noted before the Easter holidays the local authority have now moved all their payment system over to 'ParentPay'. Prior to the holidays, we sent each family 'log-in' details. Thank you to those parents/guardians who have already registered and are using the system. However, 63% of families are yet to register with the system so should you require any help with the process please make us aware.

The local authority will also be transferring any credit/debt from the previous system over to 'ParentPay' this week so please do not be worried should you see any amendments to your current balance.

### **Parents Evening – Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Unfortunately face to face meetings are still currently not permitted unless your child(ren) are on the additional learning needs register. Therefore following discussions with staff we will continue to host parents evening via the online platform 'Zoom' for all children from Reception to year 6.

As with our last parents evening, for those who do not have access to 'Zoom' or would prefer an alternative method of communication we will be happy to hold a traditional telephone conversation. For parents/guardians who have recently held an additional needs review in school you DO NOT need to make an appointment unless your current situation has changed suddenly.

Each class teacher will be sending out their personal availability and times via SEESAW over the next few days and communications confirming appointments so please from this point liaise directly with your class teacher.

To ensure that the process runs as smoothly as possible all staff will be working to the same routines/procedures. These will be –

- Each parents evening appointment will be a 10minute slot.
- Prior to your child(ren)s appointment slot each class teacher will send out a meeting identification number and password.
- Parents/Guardians are asked to join the waiting room 2-3 minutes prior to your start time.
- For staff and parents/guardians to work together to keep to the 10 minute time schedule, should you feel you need to further discuss any issues we ask that a follow up appointment be made.
- Once an appointment time has been made, we will NOT be able to make any alterations.
- We will NOT be able to hold any meetings outside of the allocated periods unless this has been agreed with the class teacher.
- This experience will be new to staff as well as yourselves so whilst we will do everything to ensure as smooth running as possible please bear with us should there be the inevitable teething problems.

For Nursery parents/guardians Miss Jones will be offering a range of appointments via a slightly different approach, which she will communicate, directly to you via the SEESAW platform.

### **Glan-Llyn Residential Trip**

Whilst at the moment it is highly unlikely that the residential trip will take place for our year 5/6 pupils a final decision is to be made by the local authority this week following all the updated guidance shared by Welsh Government over the Easter holidays.

Once the information is with us Miss Harris and I will be contacting parents/guardians with the information and potentially the 'refund' policy for all payments already with us.

### **Parental Events – Sports Day and Year 6 Leavers service**

As mentioned above we are due to hear this week from the local authority about the possibility of us being able to welcome parents/guardians on to the school premises for events such as the Year 6 leavers service and sports day. Unfortunately, with the current guidance and timetabling for easing of restrictions it is highly unlikely, we will be able to welcome parents/guardians to these events but we will of course keep you updated should the guidance change.

### **School Snack Payment**

Thank you to those parents/guardians who continue to pay termly/half-termly for daily snack. As we plan for the next few weeks with our fruit orders can we please ask that all payments be sent to school in a pre-named envelope by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. We will then be able to serve snack to pupils who have paid from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April onwards.

### **Welsh Government Training Days**

Just a quick reminder to provide you with advance notice that the schools remaining training days are –

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

As always, can I thank you for your continued support and your cooperation in helping and supporting us with the return of pupils. 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