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**School Update – Friday 27th August**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this communication finds you well and your family has been able to enjoy the summer holidays albeit still not as normal as we may be used to.

On Thursday 2nd September, schools across Wales will open their doors and welcome pupils back for the 2021-22 academic year. We are fully aware that the reopening of schools will provide a range of emotions for families and we will be doing our best to ensure your child(ren)s return/start to school is as smooth as possible.

The school governing body, staff and myself are still widely aware that many of us are still adapting to the changing rules and guidance around Coronavirus and the return to school provides us all with potentially more challenges. As a school, we do not yet have all the answers we would like for the reopening with schools across the region meeting with the local authority on the training day (Wednesday 1st September) for further training and guidance.

However in the short term I do wish to share with you some key points around the reopening of school on Thursday 2nd September –

**Drop off/Pick Up points –**

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| **Department** | **Drop Off Point & Time** | **Pick Up Point & Time** |
| Nursery | Nursery Building – Gate opens 08.50am | Nursery Building – 11.25am |
| Foundation Phase | Green Gates – Gate opens 08.50amam | Foundation Phase Outdoor area – 15.00pm |
| Key Stage 2 | Main Playground – Gate opens 08.50am | Main Playground – 15.00pm |

***Please note – For families with siblings we will continue to send each family with the oldest sibling as we did prior to the summer holidays.***

**Breakfast Club –**

Breakfast club remains open to all pupils from Thursday 2nd September and will run at the normal times.

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| 08.00am – 08.30am | Daily charge of £1, payable via Parent Pay |
| 08.30am – 08.45am  (last breakfast serving 08.40am) | Free of charge |

As communicated in previous communications we actively encourage parents/guardians to use the breakfast club facility if possible to help with the traffic issues before school.

**School Parking -**

As we, return to more normal practices from September one of the biggest changes will see all pupils start and finish school at the same time. Although this was the case in the summer unfortunately, we lost a number of bubbles to isolation periods so traffic volume was not as big.

Please help us manage the traffic situation as best as possible in the early stages of the new year by –

* Where possible walk to school with your child(ren)
* Use the breakfast club facility if possible to ease traffic on the road.
* DO NOT park on the yellow zig-zagged lines. This area is for pupil and parent/guardian safety and to allow a clear passing point for vehicles.
* Where possible use the entrance from St Albans Road.

**School Uniform -**

As has been the case in previous years school uniform orders placed prior to the summer holidays will be available for collection on **Wednesday 1st September** between **11.00am and 3.00pm**.

As we return to normal practices, we will return to full school uniform practices from the start of the academic year. Therefore, we would like to remind parents/guardians that all pupils will need to return to school in full school uniform including school shoes **not** trainers please.

**Coronavirus Update –**

There has been a number of changes to the guidance since we last communicated with parents/guardians. As noted earlier I am receiving further training/guidance, which will allow me to communicate with you the schools guidance/expectations from Monday 6th September. However to help us within the first two days of the year we ask you follow the general national guidance –

* Please maintain a safe and social distance
* If you are entering the school grounds, please wear a face mask/covering.
* Do not send your child(ren) to school if someone in your household has Coronavirus symptoms.

We all hope for a more ‘normal’ school year where the pupils can enjoy the real life experiences of school and beyond with the return of school trips, sporting festivals and visitors to school. I think we all have seen the benefits of the national guidance moving to alert level zero however Coronaviruses cases locally and nationally continue to rise so we must all be vigilant and prepared for changes at short notice.

As always we will continue to keep you updated as best we can and as quickly as we can. I appreciate this correspondence may have reached you from your child(ren)s previous teacher. We will aim to have new SEESAW codes with you as soon as possible.

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