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School Update – 26th January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we continue to establish our routines after the festive period, I wish to share with you some important updates on the current situation and moving forwards.

Coronavirus

After an initial period of very few cases of Coronavirus in school, we are currently experiencing a very challenging spell in school as case numbers have risen very quickly since last week. Put simply we currently have positive cases in every class in school and over half our classes currently working under the “Inform and Warn” stage.

Whilst appreciating that yourselves at home and staff here in school are working extremely hard to keep everyone safe can I take this opportunity to remind everyone at this challenging time to be extra vigilant and look out for any changes in your child(s) physical appearance and take the appropriate actions. We are very appreciative to those families who are keeping siblings at home to self-isolate when there is a positive case in the family household, this really does help to stop/slow the spread.

As noted in individual letters shared via SEESAW we have a small number of lateral flow testing kits available should parents/guardians not be able to collect/order any from the various distribution outlets.

As many of you may have read/heard yesterday the Welsh Government has changed its policies for schools as the general restrictions ease. However, all these changes are to be made after February half term so therefore we will continue with our current start/finish times until the February half term.

School Training Days

As noted in previous correspondences the training days scheduled for January were replaced with ‘planning days’ by the Welsh Government. As a result, I can now confirm that the rescheduled training days for the remainder of the academic year are –

- Friday 8th April
- Monday 25th April
- Monday 27th May
- Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th July

Please be aware that the three final training days in July now means that school will finish for pupils on **FRIDAY 16th JULY** not Wednesday 20th July as originally indicated.

Scheduled building maintenance

School continues to undergo general maintenance and repairs, and over the festive period, we saw all Key Stage 2 classes being painted and last week saw new carpet and flooring being laid in the entrance foyer

and Key Stage 2 classrooms. During the February half term, we will be having 'lockers' installed in all cloakroom areas for each pupil to have their own personal space.

Due to the new flooring being laid last week pupils in Key Stage 2 were asked to bring a change of footwear for indoor use to protect the new carpet. This initiative has been well supported by the pupils to the extent where they have asked if it can continue more long term.

Therefore, following discussions with the governing body, class teachers and most importantly the pupils we have agreed to make the decision permanent. The decision allows pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a pair of indoor footwear for lessons, which can remain in school throughout the week. Pupils are more than welcome to bring a pair of slippers, comfy socks, pumps or what seems to be the rage at the moment fancy 'sliders'. If you have any questions regarding the initiative, please contact your class teacher via SEESAW.

Please note – This is for Key Stage 2 pupils only.

Prospective Nursery Parents/Guardians – Applying for a Nursery place.

The window for applying for a Nursery school place from September 2022 is open. The window opened on the **3rd January 2022, and will remain open until the 18th February 2022**, any forms received after this date are deemed late. Forms should be completed online at www.wrexham.gov.uk. Should you require any help completing the forms or have any queries please ask Mrs Jones (current Nursery teacher) or Mrs Phillips in the school office.

Should any parent/guardian be aware of family members and/or friends who are in the process of applying/looking for a Nursery place please tell them about the wonderful setting we have here at school and that we are more than able to provide tours of the school should they wish to visit.

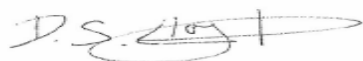
School Uniform reminder

Can we thank all parents/guardians for ensuring that all pupils returned to school looking so smart and responsible. As a school, we are extremely proud of our uniform and the pride pupils take in representing school across the year. Unfortunately, a small number of pupils have returned to school wearing clearly branded and coloured trainers and/or a hooded sports top instead of a school jumper, which do not comply with the school uniform policy.

Can I remind families that our school uniform policy states that all pupils should wear traditional black school shoes or an all black trainer based shoe. We would be grateful for your support in supporting the policy.

In what is a challenging period both in our daily lives and school specifically can I thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher