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Dear parents/carers

Returning to school

As you know, the Education Minister has announced that schools in Wales will be re-opening for more pupils on **Monday 29 June**. We understand deciding to send your child to school, or not to do so, is difficult. The aim of this letter is to enable you to make an informed decision based on understanding the adaptations made by us as a school. We are currently making detailed plans for the 4 weeks we will be open this term. All our decisions will be based on prioritising the well-being and safety of each child and staff-member. Please note that online provision and support will be available to all pupils where their parents decide to keep the child/children at home.

This is an outline of our arrangements which we intend to put in place to ensure the well-being and safety of your child and staff:

At the start of the day

You should measure your child's temperature before he/she leaves the home in the morning. If the temperature is 37.5°C or higher he/she and any siblings should not be sent to school. It's essential to note, if your child or another member of your family are showing symptoms of Covid-19 that self-isolation for 14 days is required, and the child/children from your household should not be sent to school during this time. Please notify the school immediately if a resident in your home is showing symptoms. Please use the national testing scheme if someone in your home is affected, and again notify the school of the result. We will deal with this information with sensitivity and will not publicly announce the name of someone who is ill.

On arrival in school:

- All pupils will go to the relevant entrance – you will have been forewarned by email/letter regarding which entrance before the school opens. Lines will have been placed on the floor by the entrances, as there is within the building to note 2 metre distancing – pupils are asked to use these to ensure they queue 2 metres apart while waiting their turn.
- Each child's temperature will be taken as he/she enters the building. If a child's temperature is over 37.5°C (and remains so after a second test 10 minutes later), a parent will be expected to collect the child and his/her siblings immediately, and as already mentioned all members of the household will have to self-isolate for 14 days, or until they're cleared after following the "Test, Trace, Protect" process. The school will need evidence that a negative result has been received.
- All pupils will use hand-sanitiser to clean their hands as they enter the building

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- A register will be taken
- All pupils will go immediately to their allocated teaching room – you will have received information regarding which room before the pupil returns to school

Isolation room

There will be an isolation room for pupils who feel unwell. One parent/carer is expected to collect the pupil who is ill (and siblings) immediately from school after receiving a phone call outlining the situation; the parent/carer is expected to go to the collection point noted during the phone call.

2 metre rule, Classes and Learning

We are aiming to ensure that attending school will be a beneficial experience for your child/children. It must be stressed the pupils who are attending school will be combining their learning with work they should complete at home.

We will be following social distancing rules. A one-way system will be in place on the corridors with 2 metre distances marked clearly for pupils and staff to adhere to. Please note, if a child does not follow these guidelines, he/she will have to continue his/her learning at home.

The school will be open for one year group per day for the first two weeks. A timetable will be sent out at the beginning of next week once we have ascertained which teachers are able to work.

After we receive the information about which pupils will be attending school, we will send you further information about the entrance and learning room your child will be using.

Please note the teaching in the school will be different to what was previously experienced:

- No equipment will be shared
- Work in books will not be marked
- Pupils will be expected to stay in their seats in the allocated classrooms to ensure 2 metres social distancing happens appropriately, and groupwork will not happen as seen previously
- Teachers will move from room to room, and pupils will stay in their allocated teaching rooms
- Where specialised teaching rooms will be used e.g. Design and Technology, Music, Physical Education, ICT, a member of staff will lead the pupils to these classes, and 2 metres social distancing must be adhered to
- There will be no physical contact in Physical Education lessons
- There will be no school assemblies

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Uniform

Due to the need to wash clothes immediately after being in school to ensure the virus is not carried between the school, community and home pupils are not expected to wear school uniform until you receive instruction this has changed.

Lunch and breaktime snack

The canteen will NOT serve school dinner OR packed lunches. Every child must bring his/her own lunch box and snack – enough to last the whole day. Lunch boxes will be kept in the classroom and everyone will eat their packed lunch in their classroom or outside (weather permitting). The water fountains will not be available, so all children will be required to bring their own water bottle.

Any food/packaging brought from home must be taken back home by individual learners.

Breaktime and Lunchtime

Everyone will not be having breaktime and lunchtime at the same time. There will be 4 different play areas with the pupils from different classrooms being kept apart throughout the day. Pupils must keep 2 metres apart on the corridors and on the school yard; failing to do so will mean that the relevant individuals will not be allowed to leave their teaching room during breaktime and lunchtime except to go to the toilet.

Cleaning

The classrooms and common areas will be wiped clean regularly, and the teaching rooms will be cleaned thoroughly every evening. Hand-sanitiser will be available in every classroom, and by every entrance. Pupils must use every time they arrive and leave the classroom.

Toilets and hygiene

Washing hands and keeping hands clean is essential. Where washing hands is not practical, hand sanitiser must be used.

- Hands should be washed for 20 seconds using warm water and soap. For hygiene reasons, only one pupil may go to the toilet at one time from each class, and the toilets will be cleaned regularly. A member of staff will ensure that not more than one child will be in the toilets at any one time. It is essential that each pupil washes his/her hands after going to the toilet
- Hands must be washed/sanitised before and after eating
- If there is physical contact with another individual, or with equipment someone else has used, hands should be washed immediately.

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- If a child coughs or sneezes, he/she should do so into the elbow joint, and hands should be washed immediately afterwards. If a child blows his/her nose, the handkerchief should be placed in the bin, and hands should be washed immediately.
- Keeping hands clear from the face is important.

PPE equipment

PPE equipment will be available to staff. Facemasks will be available to pupils if you wish your child to wear them, or you may supply the masks yourself.

Transport

Only a small number of pupils will be able to go on each bus, and the council is working with the bus companies. Each pupil will have to follow social distancing guidelines and sit 2 metres apart from others.

Bringing/collecting your child from school

Only one parent/carer may bring your child to school and collect your child from school.

No sharing of equipment

Each pupil must bring his/her own writing equipment to school which includes:

- black/dark blue pen
- pencil
- sharpener
- eraser
- ruler
- colouring pencils

Pupils will not be allowed to share equipment with other pupils or staff. Each pupil will have his own chair and desk for the day except if the teacher asks him/her to move to receive the learning in another room where there is specialised equipment, or outside.

Signs

There will be clear signs around the school stressing the importance of washing hands, hygiene and following social distancing guidelines.

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The Hwb

The Hwb will continue to be available to the children of key workers between 8.30a.m. and 4.30p.m. Please note the Hwb will be closed 24-28 June to enable us to complete preparations for re-opening the school.

Visitors to the site

Discussions with parents will happen as necessary via telephone. Parents/carers should not come to the school site to collect a child during the school day without arranging to do so by phoning/emailing and agreeing with the school regarding where the child will be collected. The school reception will not be open as it usually has been in the past.

Attendance

In order to confirm these arrangements and ensure correct staffing levels, I would be grateful if you could complete the very short questionnaire on the school website stating either way: whether you will send your child/children to school on the days allocated for him / her, or not. A link will be sent out via text message. Please do this by **Wednesday 16 June** for the first two weeks and again by **Wednesday 8 July** for the last two weeks. Receiving this information from everyone as soon as possible will allow us as a school to confirm final arrangements with you in good time so that everyone can be fully confident of what lies ahead before we re-open the school doors.

It should be stressed if you haven't noted your intention on the questionnaire to send your child to school, then he/she will be receiving his/her education at home during this term. It will not be possible to include more pupils during this time as we'll have made arrangements based on the numbers registered.

A further letter will follow with further details if you note your intention to return your child to school after we re-open. I'm confident we can co-operate on this matter so we may progress from this challenging time successfully.

Kind regards

Mr Dafydd M B Jones
Headteacher