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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Unfortunately it looks like the current Covid situation will be with us for some time and as you are aware there are weekly government updates for us all to follow. It is therefore very important that we all follow the guidance to ensure we are all safe – within our homes, within school and within the wider community.

If your children or a member of your household display any of the Covid systems:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal

They must not attend school until you have had the test results back. It is important that you keep us up to date with your progress.

- If the test results are negative your child can then return to school.
- If the test is positive and it is the child with the symptoms they will need to isolate for 10 days and the rest of the household for 14 days.
- If a member of the household has tested positive or they have been contacted by Test, Trace and Protect then the child will need to isolate for 14 days.
- You must get a test within the first 5 days of symptoms appearing – you can apply online for an appointment at a test centre (you may need to keep refreshing the site to get a test centre near to you) or ask for a home test kit – gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test or phone 119. If you choose not to get a test then your child will need to stay off school for 14 days!

Whilst you are waiting for the results, all children already have their log in details for the various online sites which they are able to access at home e.g. Hwb, Rm Maths, TTRockstars. Once you inform us of the test results and if they have to isolate for 10 or 14 days we will set work online through their Hwb account in the same way we did during lockdown. If you require a home paper pack please inform us.

Pupils are receiving lessons in school on the various aspects of Hwb and homework will be set electronically through their Hwb account, so please keep all their log in details safe and if you need any additional support please contact the school. We are updating the parent guide to Hwb and will email this to you.



As you are aware your child needs to bring a water bottle already filled with water from home to school. From Monday 28th September as an additional safety measure pupils will no longer be allowed to refill from the water fountain. If they need a refill they will need to ask a member of staff.

An additional staff training day has now been added to this academic year, the school will therefore be closed to pupils on Monday 2nd November.

We are still trying to work out a safe way to restart breakfast club for staff and pupils as we would still need to keep the contact groups apart. I will be sending a letter to you next week and we will also have to set up a pre booking system for breakfast club.

As we are currently not allowed to have parents in the school building we will not be able to have a face to face parent evening this term, so will be sending a settling in report to you and you will have the option to contact the class teacher through their hwb email or by arranging a telephone call if you wish to discuss anything further.

This also means we will not be able to have our traditional harvest, Christmas and Christingle concerts but we are working on alternative ways of celebrating these events. Current guidance also prevents us from singing so we will have to be creative with this element! We are considering recording pupils/contact groups and putting a video together which we could then email to you. Could you please complete the consent form below and return to school by Monday 28th September and let us know whether you give consent for your child to appear in a video or not?

Please be assured that all staff are working very hard to support your child with their learning and wellbeing and to keep them and themselves safe during these uncertain times. Please remember that although you cannot come into the school building you can always contact us by telephone or email.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jayne Davies
Headteacher

Please tick one:

I do consent to my child/ren appearing in a video as an alternative to a concert

I do not consent to my child/ren appearing in a video as an alternative to a concert

Signed:

Parent of:

Date:

