



# Happy, Together, Learning and Caring.

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## Parent/carer information - October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

These last two full weeks have been very busy and enjoyable and school has ran very smoothly. All our children have worked indoors and outdoors and lots of valuable learning has taken place. It has been brilliant to see the school forest area used by so many. We have this great resource in our school grounds for so many real life learning opportunities. Please look at the photos of these forest school sessions on Twitter to make you smile.

Breakfast Club has now been back up and running for two weeks. This has been running smoothly but please remember that children CANNOT enter the grounds for breakfast club on their own. A member of staff will collect children at the gate for both sittings at 8:20am and 8:40am.

Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting school during these challenging times.

## Class Newsletters

Please check the website for newsletters from each teacher with information that is specific to your child's class.

**Flu Immunisation** - All children have the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine at school on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Information has been sent out to pupils and signed consent forms should have now been returned to school.

## Nut Allergies

We have a few children with severe nut allergies who have been affected this week by items that other children have brought into school in packed lunches. These include Nutella, Peanut butter, Kinder products and chocolate waffles. **Please check the products that are sent into school because these allergies can be life threatening.**

**Pupil Absence** - If your child is absent from school, please ensure you telephone the school office on 01495 742761 by 9.30am to advise us of the reason for the absence. Please leave a message on the answerphone if you are unable to speak to a member of the office staff.

The Torfaen Education Welfare Service has provided important information which is available on our website with this newsletter. The letter has been written as a result of the continuing concerns of a number of parents regarding school attendance. The letter sets out the processes that all schools in Torfaen have gone through to implement all safety measures in the school risk assessment.

The letter states:

**"Current evidence suggests that the health risk posed by Covid-19 to children is extremely low. However, children not attending school maybe at significant risk to their health and mental wellbeing, progress in their learning and ultimately the level of qualifications gained and future life chances.**





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Lockdown has already had a significant impact on their learning and engagement to date and further absence will further increase this, despite the best intentions of distance learning. On balance, school really is the best place for them to be. Your child has a right to an education, and there is a statutory obligation for parents to send their child to school.

I would encourage you to send your child to school on a regular basis and discuss any concerns you may have with your child's school."

If your child is absent from school as they are self-isolating, work will be set online through Hwb and Teams as the children are used to this process. Children's log in details must be used for this.

All homework will also be set in this way. Teachers monitor all use of Hwb and Teams weekly.

Weekly class attendance awards will restart next week and a trophy and rewards will be given to the 'winning' class each week.

## Important dates for school in October:

**Election of Pupil Leadership roles** To begin 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Black History Month** October 2020

**World Mental Health Day** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
(activities will be carried out in class)

**Wear Red Day** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Fundraising for Red Card to Racism  
Donations of £1 will be collected at the gates in a bucket to minimise money being handled in school.

**Parent Consultations** Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Target information will be provided to parents/carers the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October. Parents will also be offered a telephone discussion with teachers.

**Macmillan Cake Sale** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
Donations collected at gates (as above)  
Cake will be 'sold' in classes.  
We would appreciate any donations of cake which is shop purchased. Unfortunately we cannot accept homemade cakes.

**End of half term** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Arrangements for Harvest and Halloween will be confirmed next week.





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## Important information - Covid Symptoms

Any children displaying any of the Covid symptoms should be kept at home.

- These are -
  - ✓ new continuous cough
  - ✓ high temperature
  - ✓ loss of taste and/or smell

We ask all parents/carers to keep the school informed of any changes to your child's medical state.

- If someone in your household has a confirmed case and they may have been in contact with others in school, those in their class and whoever they may have come into contact with will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days.
- The other household members of that class do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member develops symptoms.

## What happens if a child/staff tests positive?

- The identity of the child/staff will remain confidential and parents/carers will receive a message by text to say that a case has been identified in the school.
- All pupils who need to self-isolate as a result will be informed. Please note that his message could come at any time during the day or evening.
- Public Health advice states that other members of your household do not need to self-isolate if no one in the household has tested positive or has symptoms.
- You may receive a separate notification from the Test, Track and Protect (TTC).
- In the case of self-isolation, your class teacher will be in touch and work will be set through Hwb and Teams.

## Safety in school

Staggered activities including lunch and break times are in place to reduce the number of people in shared spaces including around school entrances and exits.

Please be reminded to only pick up and drop off your children at the specified times given for the safety of all. Parents/carers should not congregate at the school gates.

Once children have been collected please move from the gates so other families can collect safely.

## Payment of school dinners

- School is no longer handling the payment of school dinners.
- A cashless system for payment is now in place and parents/carers need to use the unique code to pay online for school dinners in advance.
- The school lunch menu can be downloaded from the Torfaen website.

## Birthday Cake

Unfortunately we have had to send birthday cakes home since the start of term due to guidance we had received. Children will be thrilled that this has now changed and as long as the cake is shop-bought, it can be sent into school now to be shared with the class only.





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Congratulations Miss Gilbert who has had a lovely baby boy named Ralphie. She is currently on maternity leave.

Best regards  
Sarah Truelove  
Headteacher

