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Newsletter March 10th 2021

Dear parents/carers

As you will be aware the Minister for Education announced that schools will be reopening to children in Key Stage 2 on 15.03.21. Welsh Government has issued updated operational guidance for schools, which we have reviewed.

We are very much still in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic and additional measures have now been included in our school risk assessment.

These include regular testing of school staff and the requirement for all staff to wear face masks in school, including in classrooms. Wearing a mask is now a requirement for primary school staff in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Parents are also required to bring pupils, one adult only, and to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up from schools to reduce community transmission.

Return of KS2 pupils and full reopening of school

Our Foundation Phase pupils have had a very successful return to school and we are very much looking forward to Key Stage 2 returning on the 15th March.

Important information for Cwmffrwdoler:

- All classes in KS2 will return on Monday. Times will continue to be staggered exactly as they were last term. This is to avoid crowding at the school gates. Please bring and collect your child at their class times (and no earlier) to avoid this.
- For the remainder of this term, school will finish early every Friday to allow for teachers to have planning and preparation time. Children of key workers who have already accessed our hub provision can continue to do so on Friday afternoons until 3pm. Please let the office know if you need this provision.

Finish times for Fridays:

Reception - 12pm

Y1 - 12:10pm

Y2 - 12:20pm

Y3 - 12:30pm

Y4 - 12:40pm

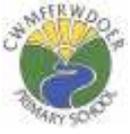
Y4/5 - 12:50pm

Y5/6 - 1pm

Y6 - 1:05pm

- School uniform is to be worn including comfortable trousers/joggers and trainers for outdoor activities.
- Children will not be able to interact/mix with any children outside the group they are in. This includes during arrival, departure, play time and lunchtime
- Children will be expected to wash their hands upon arrival at school and frequently through the day





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- All children will be asked to bring a packed lunch, a snack and their own drinks bottle. Packed lunches will be eaten in classroom settings to keep within contact groups. Pupils will attend full days in their bubbles.
- No personal belongings or stationary to be brought into school, all equipment will be supplied by the school.
- A canteen service will be providing packed lunches only. The hall will not be used as a canteen to avoid mixing groups.
- Please note that Free School Meal payments (FSM) will be stopped at the end of this week as normal canteen service resumes.

If you think you are entitled but are not receiving payments you can apply at:
<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Forms/Request/FreeSchoolMeals-Covid19.aspx>.

- Breakfast club provision will be reviewed with an aim to restart in April 2021

Staff testing

As mentioned, all staff in school are taking part in twice weekly Covid lateral flow testing, this could impact on possible class closures at short notice. Testing includes catering and cleaning staff. In the event of a member of staff testing positive, a class bubble will need to be closed and pupils and staff will need to isolate. This will be communicated with you via a text message in the first instance.

Covid procedures within school day

- If a child or staff member is unwell during the day, staff have access to masks, gloves and other personal protection equipment. The person who is unwell will be safely moved to a designated room in school. If this is a child, parents/ carers will be contacted and asked to come immediately to school. You will be given advice about how you can arrange for your child to be tested.
- If a child in a group is unwell and tests positive for COVID-19, the rest of their class or group within school will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Grants available for families on low incomes to buy school uniform and equipment.

Looked after children and children in receipt of FSM may be able to get a Welsh Government grant. Please see separate letter from on the website with details on how to apply.

Dates for Diary

Spring term ends on Friday 26th March.

Summer term begins for pupils on Tuesday 13th April.

INSET day on Monday 12th April.

Half term is 31/5/21 - 4/6/21

INSET day on Monday 7th June

Summer term will end on Thursday 15th July.

Please continue to keep safe and well. For any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours' sincerely





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