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Parent/Carer Newsletter

Thursday 16th September 2021

COVID-19 procedures in school

There continues to be a high number of cases in the area and we are constantly revisiting our risk assessment.

We will continue with the following:

- The one-way system into school in the morning.
- Classes sitting in class bubbles for breakfast club and lunch.
- Minimal mixing of classes in school.
- No face to face meetings will take place until further notice
- All staff will continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands/use hand sanitiser on a regular basis

In line with the latest guidance provided by Welsh Government, there will be no requirement to isolate whole classes if there is a positive case identified.

The changes to the arrangements to the procedures in place when someone tests positive for COVID-19 have been made possible by the vaccination programme and the significant reduction in numbers being hospitalised and suffering severe illness due to COVID-19 over recent months.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 using a PCR test, NHS Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) will contact you, using the details provided when the PCR test was ordered. They will ask questions to identify recent close contacts of your child, and for contact details of the individual or their parent/guardian. TTP will then get in touch with these close contacts to provide instructions or advice. Those who are under 18 or fully vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts but they will be contacted to let them know that they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. They will also be offered two PCR tests and provided with information and advice on how to minimise further spreading.

If your child is identified as a close contact, they can still attend school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive.

If a child or member of staff tests positive, classmates and staff will be identified as close contacts. If there is a pattern of cases TTP may ask us to update you on the situation and remind you of key steps, including advising you to keep an eye out for new symptoms your child may develop, and to stay away from vulnerable family and friends in the short-term. We do expect that there will be cases of COVID-19 in our community over the coming weeks, but this does not mean that COVID-19 is spreading within the school. Please continue to be vigilant for symptoms. If you are in any doubt, order a PCR test for your child at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

Anyone with symptoms; a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste, should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known.

You can find the latest information on self-isolation arrangements at www.gov.wales/self-isolation.



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School dinners and tuck

Packed lunch bags will be provided by the canteen until the 20th September to allow for classes to eat lunch outside if the weather allows and to reduce the numbers using the hall at one time. Hot dinners will resume from Monday, 20th September. All lunches must be paid for online. Please contact school if you are experiencing any issues with this.

We are a Healthy School and we would like to remind you of the importance of healthy lunchboxes. Please consider only one chocolate biscuit/dessert and a regular packet of crisps and avoid over filling your child's lunchbox, particularly with unhealthy items.

A guide to healthy lunchboxes can be found on the government website, the link can be found below:
<https://gov.wales/healthy-lunchboxes-leaflet>.

Please support us as we are a Healthy School and want to keep that status!

Items for tuck such as a piece of fruit or cereal bar can be brought into school or you can pay class staff for tuck weekly. Please ensure there are only healthy snacks for break times.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school so that they can drink enough throughout the day.

Nut free school

Please remember that we are a nut free school. This means that all food products containing nuts must not be brought into school. We have children with serious, life-threatening nut allergies and your support is vital.

Caring Canines Wellbeing dogs

This year, Caring Canines Cymru will be visiting school every week to work with individuals and groups of learners throughout the school. The visits started last week and we look forward to including many classes.

Rights' Respecting Schools
Right of the month

Every child has the right to an education

Welsh phase of the fortnight

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Gwrandewch!

Listen!

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Gwrandewch yn ofalus!

Listen carefully!



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School Development Plan (SDP)

Each year, our school priorities are included on our School Development Plan and our priorities this year include the development of the Curriculum for Wales in Cwmffrwdoler and ensuring the wellbeing of our learners. We will be inviting parents/carers for your views on the SDP targets later this term.

Pupil Voice groups

We have been busy appointing new representatives for a range of pupil voice groups and these will be selected by the end of the next week.

The pupil voice groups are:

School Council, Eco-Committee, Digital Ambassadors, Criw cymraeg, Heddlu Bach, Equalities Group and Curriculum Crew. All new pupil groups will be announced next week.

Prospective Head Boy and Girl and deputies will also be going through a recruitment process over the next week including an interview and presentation.

Jeans for Genes

Tomorrow, Friday 17th September, children can wear denim / jeans to school. A £1 donation towards the work that this great charity does would be much appreciated.

Important Dates

17/9/21	Jeans for Genes Day
Week beginning 20/9/21	Head Girl/Boy Interviews and presentations
24/9/21	Macmillan cake afternoon (for pupils only)
29/9/21	Y6 taster session West Mon
29/9/21	World Heart Day - children in Nursery - Y5 can wear red Increasing awareness of cardiovascular diseases and how to control them/ CPR skills/Defibrillator awareness
October	Black History Month UK
11/10/21	World Mental Health Day
Week beginning 11/10/21	Harvest - donations for food bank
15/10/21	Shwmae Day
22/10/21	Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red Day
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half term
1/11/21	Return to school
1/11/21, 2/11/21, 3/4/11	Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs) after school
INSET Friday 5 th November Closed to all pupils	Designing the new curriculum for maths



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You should have all received autumn newsletters from your class teachers, these are also available on the website.

As always, if you have any concerns, please contact me by telephoning school or through email head.cwmffrwdolerprimary@torfaen.gov.uk

Kind regards
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