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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I am writing to you today to inform you of **the arrangements** we have put in place for pupils returning to school in September.

This guidance will provide you with the up to date information on how we plan to operate safely from September.

Guidelines for September 2020

Entry into/Exit from the School-

- **Foundation Phase** - Enter via the main gate and proceed left to the Foundation Phase yard. The children will be collected by staff from under the canopy. At the end of the day parents are to pick pupils up from Foundation Phase yard
- **KS2** - Children are to be left at the main gate and walk up (to the right of the school). Children are to come straight to their classrooms. At the end of the day pupils are to be collected from the main gate.
- **Bus children** - Foundation Phase pupils will enter to the left of the main gate and go their classes. KS2 pupils enter via the right of the building and make their way to their classes. The end of day will continue as normal.
- **Adults are to NOT come into school building.**

Start/ End of Day times - regardless of siblings, children are to attend at the times set. Please ensure punctuality and no congregating at the gates as there 183 children attending arriving/departing within half an hour of each other. This will be monitored and further adjustments will be made if necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of all.

Friday 4th September

Year 6: 8.30am- 3.05 pm

Reception - 8.45am- 3.20pm

Monday 7th September

Year 6: 8.30am- 3.05pm

Year 3: 8.45am- 3.20pm

Reception: 8.45am- 3.20pm

Tuesday 8th September/Wednesday 9th September

Year 6: 8.30am- 3.05pm

Year 3 - 8.45am- 3.20pm

Reception - 8.45am- 3.20pm

Year 2 - 9.00am- 3.35pm

Thursday 10th September - Reverting to classes (All children return to school on this date)

Dosbarth Mynydd - 8.30am- 3.05pm

Dosbarth Seren - 8.45am- 3.20pm

Dosbarth Afon - 9.00am- 3.35pm

Dosbarth Enfys - 8.30am- 3.05pm

Dosbarth Haul - 8.45am- 3.20pm

Dosbarth Blodau - 9.00am- 3.35pm

Routines and procedures to be followed:

Communication - The main line of communication for contacting the school will be by Class Dojo as this limits movement around the school.

Wrap around Childcare Provision- Until future notice there will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club provision.

Snack- The school will not be providing fresh fruit snacks for the pupils. Therefore, you can provide your child with a fresh fruit snack if you wish. Hand washing will take place before any food is consumed

Children are to bring - small lunch bags, small pencil case, PE kit (to go home at end of week for cleaning); any medication (e.g. asthma pumps, epi pens); reading book/learning logs and water bottles.

Break times - The school will operate a staggered break time system. This will enable us to control the number of pupils on the yard.

Lunch time- Hot meals will be provided, please ensure there is adequate funds available on your child's account. If your child does not wish to have a dinner please provide them with a packed lunch, unwanted food/waste will be placed back in their lunchbox for recycling at home. A staggered lunchtime will be in operation, again this will enable us to monitor the number of pupils in the hall and on the yard.

School Assemblies/Worships- The school community will not be participating in whole school gathering as we normally do. Instead I will hold a class assembly/worship with one class at a time. This will give the every class opportunity to reflect & gather during the week.

Physical Education- This will take place outside due to the space constraints in the hall. Obviously this will be weather permitting.

Cleaning- During the day hotspots and hard surfaces will be regularly sanitised. The school will be deep cleaned every evening. Regular handwashing will be scheduled in throughout the day. The guidance states that regular handwashing and basic hygiene is the best way of preventing the spread of Coronavirus. The Chief Medical Officer does not recommend wearing masks as this could transfer the virus from a surface to a human's face.

Home Learning- It is expected that ALL pupils will return to school in September. Please be aware that we will not be providing home learning in the way we did during lockdown. This is only right, as it would be impossible for teachers to plan and teach lessons face to face and then provide additional work for home learning.

Pupil Toilets- The number of pupils using the toilets at the same time will be controlled and restricted.

School Uniform- Pupils are expected to be in full school uniform and have a PE kit from September. Please, in the interest of hygiene, will you ensure that school uniform is washed regularly.

Contact Groups Organisation- Your child's contact group will be their class. Your children will mainly have contact with their class teacher and teaching assistant. There will be weekly sessions where your child will be taught for a morning or afternoon session by another staff member. This is when the class teacher has Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time.

Curriculum- The curriculum will revert back to normal, however there will a greater use of outdoor learning for all pupils. Outdoor learning lends itself to practical engagement and provides opportunity for children to explore their school environment. Children need these opportunities in order to build their confidence, spatial awareness and physical strength.

Also, an important focus for the school will be the RE curriculum and the spiritual development of the children. This will support their mental health and wellbeing.

This guidance is dynamic and is subject to change. If changes are needed to be made you will be informed as soon as possible. It is vital that everyone sticks to the procedures set out in this guidance. These have been carefully considered to protect everyone.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during these extraordinary times. Enjoy the rest of the summer holidays and I'm looking forward to welcoming you all back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

C. Beveridge

Mrs C Beveridge

Head Teacher

