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“Stay at Home - Protect the NHS - Save Lives.”

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are continuing to keep safe and healthy during this extended period of lockdown. I just wanted to provide you with a few updates as we come to the end of this half term.

Staff vaccination

Over this coming weekend (February 13th and 14th), many of our staff will receive their first vaccination against COVID-19; this is a significant step forward in helping to keep both pupils and staff safe; staff will require a second dose of the vaccine at a later date.

As you will know, the vaccine is just one part of the measures that will keep us all safe. Our well-established practices such as social distancing, wearing face coverings, regular hand washing etc. will continue to be used throughout the school.

Routine testing of staff

You may have heard that staff will be offered twice weekly testing; we are waiting further guidance from the Welsh Government about the arrangements for this testing; alongside the vaccination of staff and our robust health and safety processes these too will help to minimise any risks to pupils and staff.

Face coverings

We will be encouraging staff to wear face covering throughout the school day, unless for personal/health reasons they are unable to do so. We would also ask parents/carers coming onto the school site to also support our health and safety measures by wearing a face covering.

Staff training

Monday 22nd February 2021 is an INSET day; staff will be updating their knowledge and skills on digital learning.

Foundation Phase pupil returning

From Tuesday 23rd February 2021 we will be welcoming back more of our foundation phase pupils.

As you will know the Welsh Government review their lockdown arrangements on a 3-weekly cycle. We will continue to follow their updated guidance in terms of welcoming other pupils back into school for face-to-face learning. I would continue to appreciate your patience and understanding as we wait for further guidance about other year groups returning.



The past 11 months have been some of the most challenging we have ever known and I understand how difficult these current times are for you and your family. We are continuing to plan a way forward so that we can safely welcome more of our pupils back into school in line with updated local and national guidance.

Measures in place to keep everyone safe

It is important for us all to remember that even when staff have received the two doses of the vaccine our current and well-established safety systems will remain in place for the foreseeable future, that is:

- limiting numbers in the building
- enhanced cleaning of the building
- regular washing of hands
- good respiratory hygiene
- staggered drop off and pick-up times
- social distancing
- wearing face coverings (wherever possible).

Please remember if your child is due to attend a face-to-face session at school, they MUST NOT attend:

- If they are ill, particularly with a high temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell.
- If anyone in your household is ill.
- If anyone in your household is waiting for a COVID test result.
- If you have been in recent contact with anyone with COVID 19.

It is important that we remember: **Hands – Face – Space** bearing in mind that approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have **NO** symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it.

- **Hands**– wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- **Face**– wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **Space**– stay at least 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible.

Many thanks for your continued support and patience at this very challenging time. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Developing all pupils as ambitious, enterprising, ethical and healthy learners.

