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4th of January, 2021

Dear Families.

# Re. 5th of January until 15th of January 2021 - update

Thank you to all those who have clarified that they fit the criteria of the government's definitions for those children who can be in school. I do understand that for some this is, once again, a very difficult time of managing full time work online and home schooling. We know that everyone will be doing their best in the circumstances. In school there has been a lot to re-arrange in a short time.

I am writing to update you on the plans for those coming to school and for those staying at home this week.

For those who have requested a chrome book and / or home learning printed packs, we hope to have these ready for collection by midday tomorrow, due to the volume of requests. We can give only one device per family. A chrome book agreement and acceptable use policy will need to be signed before a chrome book is issued. We hope to have all that is required in place by midday tomorrow and will email those involved to confirm this. We are aware that this may mean that some children miss the morning google classroom meeting tomorrow but hope that everything will be running smoothly by the end of the week. Please be patient as we support everyone.

#### For those coming to school:

Years 4 and 6 will come in first, at the gates they did before Christmas, but between 8.50 and 8.55a.m. Years 3 and 5 will come in second, at the gates they did before Christmas, but between 8.55 and 9 a.m. Any children who arrive late will enter through gate 2, as before.

Children coming to school may wear PE kit each day. They will do an hour's PE lesson each day – indoors. Children will have their normal outdoor play in the morning and at lunch, so please ensure they have suitable coats.

We will be aiming to familiarise all of the children, at home and in school, with using chrome books and using google classroom and google meet in the next two weeks so we will do this steadily. As explained, children have been shown how to do this in school, but there may well be hitches this week, which together we will overcome. (We will of course evaluate as the week progresses and implement improvements as needed in week two).

In school, children will also use chrome books. Children in school will be involved in exactly the same google classroom and google meet work as those at home.

Half of the class at a time, including those in school, will meet their teacher online. Teachers will invite the children on google classroom, so please log in to google classroom in advance of the meeting, using the details in the child's home school diary. We will seek to ensure that siblings meet their teacher at different times. The first group will be those in school and those with EHCPs. They will google meet their teacher in the google classroom between 9.10a.m. and 9.40a.m.













The second group will google meet their teacher in the google classroom between 9.55a.m. and 10.25a.m. At this session, teachers will ensure that children understand the learning expectations for the day. In the afternoon the teacher will meet the first group again between 2pm and 2.30pm, then the second group between 2.30pm and 3pm. At this session, the teacher will question the children about their learning, as they would do in a classroom, to check understanding and quality of work. Teachers can then adjust any learning for the following day.

For those children who do not have access to google classroom, cannot get a device from school for any reason, or cannot print work and have requested packs, the work will be available on the website and printed packs will be available from school tomorrow, as in Lockdown I.

For those children who have EHCPs, LSAs will be available to support them on google classroom and / or in school in person.

All children coming in to school will need a packed lunch please. Those entitled to free school meals will receive an online voucher for this week. We will confirm the plan for next week.

At the end of the day please collect children via gate 3 and leave by gate 1, as before. Parents with children in year 3 may exit by gate 3 as before.

Years 4 and 6 will leave school at 3pm, with the gate opening for the parents of Years 4 and 6 at 2.55pm.

Years 3 and 5 will leave school at 3.05pm. Parents of children in Years 3 and 5 are asked to come in gate 3 at 3pm only.

Support staff will bring children out to meet parents as teachers will be completing google classroom meetings.

## To minimise risk further under tier 4:

Only one adult per household should collect Adults MUST wear a mask when on school grounds. Adults must distance from one another on school grounds.

## Other health and safety issues to be aware of:

- Children will continue to sanitize and wash hands as before
- Rooms will continue to be ventilated, so everyone needs to wear warm clothes.
- Staff will be wearing masks all the time now. In class they will wear transparent visors.
- We will be reminding everyone to keep to social distance guidance as much as possible.
- In classrooms it is not possible for children to social distance all the time. However, they will be in permanent seats so that it is easier to trace their nearest contacts.

Thank you for your patience! There will inevitably be changes as the week goes on and we adjust to the new circumstances. We will continue to refine plans as the week goes on - to keep everyone as safe as possible and to continue with the children's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gruffydd Headteacher