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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a peaceful and healthy break and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back this term. Here are just a few reminders and information in regard to returning to school this Spring term.

Return to School

Please be advised this information is subject to change pending any WG and BCBC reviews.

As per information in BCBC letter dated 17.12.20 I confirm that school is closed to all pupils on Monday 4 January and Tuesday 5 January for planning and preparation in line with WG guidance and to assess staffing levels. As per BCBC guidance no education will be provided for Bridgend pupils on these two days.

On 6, 7 and 8 January, we will be providing on-site support for the **children of critical workers** during normal school hours.

In Bridgend, a critical worker is defined as someone who works for one of the following organisations:

- Health
- Social care
- Fire and rescue service
- Police
- Ambulance service
- Prison Service
- Education

If you are a critical worker as defined above and require on-site support for any of these days please complete an online booking form by 12 midday on Tuesday 5 January to help plan staffing levels, appropriate school meal and learner transport provision. Link to the online booking form is: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uq4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k-H3aMADZeBDv5f9-dmGAQBUN1ZFWDZCQTZNWURUMIZHREZHUVExTkRLMS4u

There will also be some pupils who fall into other identification categories who may be eligible for on-site provision during these 3 days. The school office will contact these parents / carers separately to discuss support.

All other pupils who will be learning from home on 6, 7 and 8 January will receive online learning activities via Hwb. As per BCBC decision no school in the authority will be providing 'live' sessions during this 3 day period, therefore we are unable to provide the daily Teams 'check-in' at this time.

We at YG Bro Ogwr are currently planning to welcome ALL pupils back on Monday 11th January.

Operational Procedures

Start and End of Day Procedures

We are continuing with our one-way system and procedures, which include entering and exiting the bus bay by different gates. A reminder that pupils should be accompanied to the inside school gates by parents/carers. The outside gate opens at 08.50 and school starts at 09.00. We appreciate your continued support with punctuality at the start of the school day. No driving onto/parking on school site

is permitted between 08.15 and 09.15, except where the school has agreed a specific arrangement with parents/carers for access reasons.

To reduce the risk of transmission amongst parents, carers and relatives, please wear masks / face coverings when at drop-off and collection areas. Please socially distance while waiting to drop off or while on the yard at the end of the day. It would also help us greatly if you could try to limit the adults on site for drop-off and collection to one parent/carer, which will also help with social distancing.

Please ensure your child(ren) do **not** use any of the outdoor play equipment at the end of the day which is a health and safety risk for cross contamination.

Risk Assessment

We have reviewed and updated our risk assessment in line with new information.

We continue to follow our one-way system around the whole school. Each 'bubble' is the whole year group as they share amenities, hall and yard areas. The KS2 yard has been segregated into two areas and therefore separate year groups have separate areas. No two year groups are a contact 'bubble'. Any assemblies or indoor gatherings will be restricted to one year group only at any given time. There is no change to the school dinner hall as pupils are already separated by distance and year group tables.

We all recognise that no establishment can be a COVID free area but we continue to keep the school as safe as possible with our routines such as regular hand-washing, sanitising and 'bubble' groups. We also continue to finance extra cleaning hours over the lunch time period.

Dinners

Our school kitchen is now fully operational once again. Please check your child's account balance in readiness for their return to school. Accounts cannot be in arrears; if you feel that you may now be eligible for free school meal provision due to changed circumstances, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Please contact the school on the first day of any absence, stating the specific reason for the absence.

Under no circumstances should learners attend schools/settings if they:

- feel unwell, have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, or a high temperature or loss of or change to their sense of taste or smell) or they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 10 days
- live in a household or are part of an extended household with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 and are isolating for 10 days.

Symptomatic pupils will be isolated immediately and parents/carers immediately contacted to collect their children. Please ensure your contact details are up-to-date.

Please keep our school as safe as possible, by following the above guidance.

PE / Uniform

Pupils are asked to attend school wearing their PE kit on PE days. School PE kit is suitable footwear, dark tracksuit bottoms and a white top. We kindly ask that you adhere to these colours and **not** allow bright, colourful clothing.

A minimum of two windows are open in all classrooms every day to allow for consistent natural ventilation. Please ensure that your child brings a jumper and coat to school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will re-start on Monday 11th January for all those pupils who attended during the Autumn Term. We have a continuous need to keep numbers low due to staffing levels, hall capacity and ensuring year group contact groups are maintained at all times.

Parent App

A reminder that we have rolled out the SIMS Parent App to all parents/carers across the school. The Parent App offers immediate access to request alterations to pupil and contact data held by the school and access for parents/carers to pupil attendance, term dates and school diary events. All messages are sent through the Parent App., however, we will continue to use our existing text service alongside the Parent App at present, to ensure a smooth transition to the new app and to allow parents/carers time to register.

If you require any assistance, please email the school office on admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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