



Dear Parents/Carers

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I hope that you are all keeping well and safe. At the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the lockdown period and with our Blended Learning provision. Following Friday's announcement from Welsh Government, here are the current updates from school.

Return to School

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

Foundation Phase (Nursery-Year 2): We will be welcoming all Foundation Phase pupils back on site from **Monday 22 February**. Our strict operational and hygiene procedures remain. Normal school hours apply. At present the after-school club is not open to pupils.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3-Year 6): We still do not currently have any confirmed information as to when we are able to welcome Key Stage 2 pupils back to school. Unfortunately, this means that Key Stage 2 siblings of younger learners are not able to return to school at this time.

On-site support for the **children of critical workers and vulnerable learners only** during normal school hours will continue to be provided after half term for years 3 to 6. Eligible parents/carers can apply for this provision via the usual application form and a link will be issued separately. Parents/carers of pupils identified as vulnerable will be contacted individually by relevant school staff to offer support. We will notify you if there are any changes to the BCBC Critical Worker criteria.

School Work

Foundation Phase: As school will be open for all pupils to return, the Blended Learning provision for pupils in Nursery to Year 2 will now end. Blended Learning provision will be re-introduced during any future year group isolation periods.

Key Stage 2: Our Blended Learning provision will continue after half term. All pupils, whether on-site or learning at home, will continue to receive and have access to the same learning activities.

Tier 4 Lockdown and Keeping Safe

As our younger pupils return, this unfortunately does not mean a return to normal routine. We continue to be in Tier 4 lockdown over the half term period and kindly ask you to respect the lockdown rules. Out of school restrictions must continue to be applied rigorously, with the clear WG message that "school bubbles only apply within the school setting". The importance of avoiding transmission is still a major priority for us all. Hopefully it will not be long before we are in a position where we can arrange to meet friends socially again.

St David's Day Celebrations and Virtual Eisteddfod

We will be celebrating St David's Day on March 1st. All pupils are welcome to wear traditional costume or red, white and green on Monday March 1st. As part of our celebrations this year we are holding a Virtual Eisteddfod – please see separate letter for details.

INSET Day and Half Term

Reminder that we have a planned INSET day on Friday 12 February. School will be closed to all pupils - there is no on-site provision available that day for children of critical workers and vulnerable learners. No school work will be set or live check-in sessions offered, as all staff will be on a designated training day for the New Curriculum. Next week is our scheduled half term break and school is closed to all pupils during that time.

If you require any assistance at all before half term, whether educational or pastoral, please do not hesitate to email the school office on admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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