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IMPORTANT – please read carefully. The schools procedures for reopening the school, January 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am pleased to confirm that the school will reopen to all children Monday - we look forward to welcoming back our full-time nursery class.

It is anticipated that there will be a challenging and uncertain period ahead during January and the number of positive cases is expected to rise - this pattern has been seen across Wales. We will of course take appropriate action if that happens and will keep our risk assessment under review.

We very much hope that we do not have to close classes but if the level of staff absences increases to an unmanageable level or compromises the safety of our pupils, then this will lead to online / distance learning and we may have to announce that at a very short notice! Such decision will only be made after all other options have been exerted.

If there is a positive case in your child's class, we will send you a message and a letter on the school app to warn and inform you. If there is another positive case within the class within 7 days of previous case, then we will issue another letter to the close contacts of the positive case to advise them to take daily LFT's for 7 days.

COVID MEASURES:

In line with the 'Very High Risk Level', we will continue to act on the health advice and guidance we receive from WG and the LA, which currently asks all school staff and learners to:

- Wash hands thoroughly or sanitise hands more often than usual.
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, throw it, destroy it, wash your hands' approach.
- Reduce contact between individuals and maintain social distancing where possible.
- Ensure that all rooms and corridors are appropriately ventilated.
- Ensure more frequent cleaning, including routine and regular cleaning of frequently-touched surfaces
- Implement and adhere to a one-way system throughout the building.

In order to help protect each other, I would like to remind you that all parents/guardians should wear a mask on the school grounds unless exempt for medical reasons. Please maintain social distance from each other as per welsh Government guidelines and please vacate the school grounds immediately after drop off / collection of pupils.

SELF ISOLATION AND TESTING PROCEDURES:

IF YOUR CHILD RECEIVES A POSITIVE LFT OR PCR TEST, PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER FOR US TO RECORD THESE WITH THE TTP TEAM. THIS IS ALSO VITAL IN ENABLING US TO INFORM ANY CLOSE CONTACTS WITHIN THE SCHOOL TO TEST FOR 7 DAYS.

1. Changes to self-isolation arrangements for those identified as contacts of a positive case :

All over 18s who are fully vaccinated (having received two full doses of an approved vaccine) and children aged 5 to 17 are now asked to take lateral flow tests (LFTs) every day for 7 days if they are identified as a contact of a positive COVID - 19 case. This is known as 'Daily Contact Testing'.

Anyone identified as a contact, who is fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17 can access daily contact testing instead of self-isolation, regardless of whether they are a household or close contact.

We recommend those undertaking Daily Contact Testing take their test before they arrive at school each day. These individuals do not need to self-isolate for that day unless they have a positive lateral flow test. If they receive a positive LFT then they must isolate immediately and record the test on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119.

Please note that the isolation period REMAINS AT **10 DAYS** however, positive cases can take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) on day 6 and 7 and if BOTH LFT's are negative then they can come out of isolation earlier on day 8. If the day 6 LFT was positive, then the individual can take a test on day 7 and 8 and if these are both negative then they can come out of isolation on day 9. After day 10 of isolation, regardless of a positive or negative LFT, the isolation period ends and the person can return to work/school on day 11.

- Unvaccinated adults identified as a contact of a positive COVID - 19 case must isolate for 7 days.
- The position on children under 5 years old remains unchanged - they are not required to self-isolate or test as contacts.

2. Self-isolation and testing procedures for SYMPTOMATIC PERSONS (those who have COVID symptoms)

Under no circumstances should learners attend school if they:

- have tested positive for COVID-19 through an LFT or PCR test;
- feel unwell with any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (persistent cough; high temperature; loss of taste; loss of smell).

If a learner develops symptoms, they should undertake a PCR test as soon as possible, and self-isolate until they receive the test result. If the test is negative, they can return to school.

I would ask you all to ensure that you adhere to the above measures and procedures in order to be able to support the health and wellbeing of staff and pupils and enable us to maintain face-to-face learning within the school.

Thank you all for your support and patience during these difficult times.

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