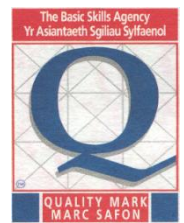


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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to provide an update on how our school is adapting to working within the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 and to remind you about the safety measures that it is important for all to maintain.

Firstly, I would like to thank our parents / carers for the wonderful effort you have made this term to support us in keeping the children and everybody linked to the school safe. It is highly likely that all the school safety measures put in place will remain throughout the winter months. This will mean the continuation of the present staggered start and finishing times and children remaining within their individual class 'bubbles' for learning, playtimes and lunchtimes.

Regular handwashing throughout the school day and maintaining a distance of 2 metres from adults working in the school and children from other class bubbles when moving around school are now established routines within school. Where the very youngest children or children with additional needs find it hard to maintain appropriate distancing staff will wear face coverings and other forms of personal protective equipment will be worn by staff if providing intimate care or when waiting with any child who becomes symptomatic and is being looked after in our safe room when awaiting collection.

Whenever staff feel that they might not be able to maintain the two metre distancing face coverings will be worn and we ask that this is also observed by parents if they need to enter the school building.

Cleanliness within our school building is vital and additional cleaning time is used at regular intervals throughout the school day and after school to ensure that all the required cleaning measures are undertaken.

It is vital for the safety of everybody that if a child/parent/household member develops symptoms of COVID-19, the entire household should immediately self-isolate, and book a test for the individual with the symptoms. As I am sure you are aware the symptoms of COVID-19 are: a new continuous cough, a high temperature and a loss of or change to the sense of taste or smell. Please inform the school if testing is required and the result of any test. For further details please follow NHS Wales Guidance.

In terms of teaching and learning I am delighted to inform you that nearly all children have settled back into school in a very positive way. Where children have experienced any initial problems settling back into the routine of school staff have provided individual support.

Unfortunately, the current restrictions mean that many of the established events and trips which take place during the autumn term will have to be adapted or cancelled. However, as a school we are looking at a variety of ways in which traditional events such as Christmas presentations can be shared from a distance and also ensuring that many exciting learning events can still take place within the individual class 'bubbles'.



At present schools are naturally encouraged not to make any firm bookings or arrangements for any residential visits during 2020-2021 but if the situation improves in the spring and COVID-19 restrictions are lifted we will look at whether it will be possible to undertake the Year 5 Cardiff visit and the Year 6 Sealyham visit at a safe point in the summer term. We also hope that by the late spring it might be possible to undertake other educational day visits and school-based events which are such an important and exciting part of learning for each class.

Next week a list of key school dates for 2020-2021 will be available via the school website and Dojo. I know how valuable it is for parents to have such a list but as I am sure you can appreciate some spring and summer term events can only be provisional at present.

Thank you once again for all that you are doing to support us in maintaining the safety, learning and enthusiasm of the children during these challenging times. I hope that you will have a safe and enjoyable half term from **Monday 19th October with school returning on Tuesday 3rd November.**

Yours sincerely,

Nick Groves