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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome Back!

What an amazing first week back we have all had. It has been so lovely to see the happy and excited faces of the children coming in and they really have had so much fun, especially with all the outdoor activities. This approach will continue for the next 2 weeks and although we haven't let the rain change our plans, we are really hopeful that the weather will improve next week. 84% of children in Reception to Year 6 have attended this week which I think will be one of the highest uptakes in the authority. We would love to see more attend next week and as I have said before, if you would like a chat to reassure you, please do give me a ring. I really feel that popping back now for a visit will make the return in September far easier. Take a look at Twitter to see all the happy faces 😊

Slight changes to start time

As things have gone so smoothly in the mornings, I feel we can reduce the staggered drop off to 15 minutes so please come from **8.50 to 9.05** from Monday. The collection time will remain as **12.50-1pm**. All other arrangements remain the same and I am very grateful for the way everyone has been so patient and followed all instructions. Please remember, pupils should not be bringing in a bag.

Uniform

We have some parents asking to purchase uniform for September. Whilst we await the next set of guidance from Welsh Government, I am suggesting we wait to see whether any guidance to wear fresh clothes every day remains in place. There is also the issue of getting the uniform out to you with social distancing requirements. Please don't worry about uniform at present. If necessary, we can have loose arrangements in place for September until everyone has a chance to sort it out.

End of Year gifts

In case you missed my email earlier in the week:

I know many families send in gifts and cards to staff at the end of term and we are always overwhelmed with your generosity. The teachers also usually send gifts home with the children too. This year, I will not be permitting the giving and receiving of gifts and ask that everyone sticks to this for the following reasons:

- The risks of cross contamination
- The financial pressure on many families during the Covid period.

There will be one exception to this rule and that is for Y6 pupils who will be receiving their leavers' gifts from school and the Diocese.

Communication with school/home (repeated message)

In line with the guidance, we will be minimising the number of visitors to the school. Staff will not be able to speak face to face with parents at drop off or collection time. If you need to speak with the teacher, we ask this is done via telephone. We could possibly arrange a meeting via Microsoft Teams. If this is not an option then any face to face meeting will need to be arranged **in advance** in order for us to put in place social distancing measures. The school office will not be operating in the usual way and parents will not be permitted to enter the building to speak to office staff. Wherever possible, I would encourage you to use email or telephone.

Whilst we await the next announcement from Kirsty Williams, I hope to be able to write next week with some plans for September. In the meantime, we are really looking forward to seeing everyone for week 2 of our *'Check in, Catch up and Prepare'* sessions.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher