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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 16th April 2021

It has been lovely to welcome the whole school back again after the Easter break which I hope you all enjoyed. The children have settled back into their school routines and are already working hard and enjoying time with their friends. Our Year 6 pupils have now received their leavers' hoodies which they have been wearing proudly. A huge thank you to the PTA for paying for these. Please note, the children can also wear these on their well-being day on Fridays.

Extended List of systems - changes

We have received updated information on symptoms and testing. Nothing has changed with regards to the 3 main symptoms and the requirement for the entire household to isolate whilst waiting for a test result.

However, guidance on the list of wider symptoms has changed. If your child shows signs of these symptoms then it is recommended that you still seek a PCR test for them. However they **can** attend school as usual whilst waiting for the result.

More information and FAQs can be found in the information on the website which you can access on this link. [Symptoms Update](#)

I do understand how confusing this can be but we are simply sending out information we receive from the Local Authority and TTP. Please do get in touch if you are ever unsure and if necessary, we can seek advice from the Local Authority on your behalf.

Medical and allergy details

Thanks to those of you who responded to our request for information on medical and allergy details. We are simply updating our records and would really appreciate everyone responding – even if it is simply to confirm your child has no medical or allergy needs.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k4IL-2WB4ShPoHnoGSOsd7hUOUxSOVpGRllxTjhSV1o5TFdQSjZVMTRHMi4u

Consultation

Please remember the consultation on changes to the school day. Please ensure all emailed responses and queries are sent in by the deadline next Thursday 22nd April. I will send out the link and instructions for the meeting on Tuesday 27th April next week. As I am sure you are aware from your own experiences, meetings on line can be more difficult to manage and it would make things much easier to manage the meeting if questions are sent in prior to the meeting. Obviously we will still accept questions on the night too.

World Book Day

We intend to hold our postponed World Book Day on Friday May 14th. We are delighted that Griffin Books in Penarth will be visiting to give every pupil a book in exchange for their World Book Day vouchers. As we are also marking World Maths Day, we will be having additional

activities such as Maths through story. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. We are aware that this may be tricky with the current situation, so if your child just wishes to come dressed in non-uniform that is fine. Please be mindful of not including props due to cross contamination and also difficulties with all in one style costumes. Your child must be able to manage their costume independently, especially when going to the toilet.

Parents' Evening consultations

We intend to hold these meetings over the telephone again as this worked well last term and ensured we could engage with the majority of families which is not necessarily the case with video conferencing.

The meetings will be held from 3.30 until 6 and will be held during the following weeks:

Nursery to Year 2 = week commencing 10th May

Year 3 to Year 6 = week commencing 17th May

The office will send out texts for you to book meetings in the next few weeks.

INSET days

Given the days of face to face learning the pupils have missed, we have always always aimed to get children back in to school as soon as possible. With the exception of days that we were instructed to remain closed – e.g. planning days and the days prior to Christmas, we have opened to all pupils with minimised staggering in of year groups etc. The 4th January became a planning day but we still classed it as our planned INSET day. I had already shared the planned INSET days with you but I have now had it confirmed that we do have an additional INSET day to be taken before the end of term. As we move towards Curriculum for Wales and the current reforms that are taking place, training for staff is essential. However, in an attempt to minimise disruption, I have decided to place this day at the end of the term. Staff will therefore be spending the last 3 days of the year on Curriculum planning and preparation. The remaining INSET days will be:

- Wednesday 23rd June
- Friday 16th July (Newly added)
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

Reminders:

w/c 19th April – Rec to Y3 hot lunches.

I really do hope and pray that we are able to offer the children a complete summer term and that they get the opportunity to make good academic progress as well as enjoying some of the well-being type activities we are hoping to hold which will boost their mental and physical health. Whilst Sports Day, end of term trips and leavers' concerts are unlikely to take place in their usual format, we will endeavour to replace these with suitable alternatives.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher