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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 11th June 2020

I hope you are all well! Thank you to those who have already responded to the survey about whether you intend to send in your child/ren for the **'Check in, catch up and prepare for Summer and September'** sessions from the 29th June. I urge those who haven't yet responded to do so as without this information, our job of planning is made much more difficult. The survey closes tomorrow and once we have the information from the Vale of Glamorgan, we can plan. If you think you **may** send your child in then please say 'yes'. If you change your mind and decide against it at any point that is absolutely fine but in order to plan we need to know our likely maximum numbers.

<https://www.valelearning.com/reopening>

As you may know, the guidance from Welsh Government only came out yesterday but rest assured we are working very hard to prepare the exterior site, interiors and plans for the children's return. At the forefront of all decisions is the well-being safety of all pupils, staff and any visitors. Whilst I am unable to give you full details of plans yet, I do understand that it is difficult for some people to make decisions without any idea of how the new 'normal' may look. To give you an idea, these plans include:

- One way system for entering and leaving the site.
- 2m marks and signage both indoors and out.
- Reducing furniture significantly in classrooms and creating 2m 'bubbles' for pupils.
- Usage of fire doors in and out of classrooms and limited access to other areas of the school to reduce the risk of cross contamination.
- Increased cleaning regimes including weekly deep cleans (usually termly) and regular cleaning of 'hot-spots' and toilets throughout the day.
- On-going training and guidance for staff on all aspects of social distancing and hygiene practices.
- Clear protocols for emergencies and possible Covid outbreaks.
- Children in groups of a maximum of 8 in a class – all pupils to have 1 visit per week for at least 3 of the weeks. (This will depend on pupil numbers and staffing but 8 will be the maximum in any class at a time). We will place siblings in groups on the same day and teachers will wherever possible consider friendship groups.
- Maximise the use of outdoor learning opportunities
- Strict hand-washing regimes for all pupils and staff
- Staggering arrangements throughout the day – start, breaks, finish etc.

This is not an exhaustive list but I hope it gives you a flavour of some of the things we are doing/planning. Please do complete the survey and I will be in touch as soon as I can with further details. **Please note, if you do not respond until a later date, your child may then be placed in a group that simply has a space and where siblings and friendship groups can then not be considered.**

I thank you for your patience at this time.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hallett', written in a cursive style.

Gen Hallett
Headteacher