



Thursday, 16 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has certainly been a huge challenge! Both at home and in school we have all had to navigate through some very uncertain and testing times.

I would like to say thank you very much to all parents and children who have attended school during the last three weeks. Everybody followed our new rules and made the long awaited return a very successful one. It was certainly good to see children back in our classrooms!

Where next?

The Welsh Government have made an announcement saying that schools will be accommodating all pupils in September. Schools will be expected to be open to all pupils by Monday, September 14th. They have provided schools with guidance and have told us that there will be a period of flexibility and time will be allowed, up to a fortnight, for planning and reorganisation. September 1st and 2nd were training days and we will be using them to plan and prepare the school to ensure a safe, purposeful, organised and nurturing return for pupils. Many of our children will have been at home for 20 weeks so on Thursday 3rd September we will begin a phased entry for the children to ease them in gently and get them used to the new rules and systems in place. We must be mindful that things have changed and some of our pupils will need time to help settle.

September's Plan

Each class will come in a third at a time for a transition day before starting back full time. Your child's teacher will let you know which group, A, B or C your child is in and which day they will attend school. The posters will show you which days your child's year group will be in and when you can expect them to be back full time. Reception children will initially start back mornings only building up to full days during the second week. During the days your child is not in school teachers will be providing activities and work on Seesaw for them to do at home.

New Nursery Starters

We are looking forward to welcoming our new nursery into school and want it to be as calm and nurturing as possible so will be phasing them in gradually over the weeks beginning 14th and 21st of September. Mrs Pugh will be in touch with all parents to discuss the activities and arrangements she has made for the first few weeks of term.

We still have to adhere to many new rules including social distancing. The Welsh Government guidance which we have to follow states that during the Autumn term there has to be staggered drop off and pick up times. These times will be the same as your child has been doing during their full days over the second week. It is absolutely essential that you do not arrive early or late but on time to avoid too many parents and children on the school premises at one time. The one-way system will need to be adhered to.

When they return pupils will be expected to wear school uniform.

We will provide a letter regarding the finer details including school meals, breakfast and after school club etc as soon as we return in September.

I would like to thank you for your support and patience over this difficult time and am really looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September, we have really missed the children! I hope you all manage to have a safe and enjoyable summer and we will be here waiting for you in September.

R Connell