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Powys County Council Headteacher: Mrs H Nixon

5th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Christmas holidays draw to an end and we all prepare for the new term to start, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on arrangements and procedures for the start of the Spring Term. These arrangements have been put in place to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils and we would like to thank you in advance for supporting us with these matters.

Key Dates

Wednesday 5th January – Preparation Day Thursday 6th January – Preparation Day Friday 7th January – Blended Learning Day Monday 10th January – All pupils return to school

Staffing Arrangements

Dosbarth Ceiriosen: Reception

Miss Fell, Mrs A Jones, Miss Rees, Mr Walby (Wednesday)

Dosbarth Helygen: Year 1 and 2

Miss Williams, Miss Jones and Mrs Towns

Dosbarth Derwen: Year 3 and 4 Mrs Butters and Mrs Suzanne Jones Dosbarth Bedwen: Year 5 and 6 Mrs Nixon, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Sian Rees

Breakfast and After School Club

There will be no Breakfast or After School Club on Friday 7th January. This provision will resume on Monday 10th January and places will need to be pre-booked with the school office. We ask that parents use the Breakfast Club service as an emergency provision for key workers in order to support us to safely run this service. For the new term, parents should book children into Breakfast Club and After School Club each week to allow staff to prepare for accurate numbers attending these services. We will monitor the running of both facilities in order to ensure the safety of all service users.

School Timings and Drop off and Collection procedures

Breakfast Club starts – 8:30AM

Drop off for non-breakfast club pupils 9:00AM-9:15AM

Registration -9.15AM.

End of school day for Dosbarth Ceiriosen, Dosbarth Helygen – 3:20PM

End of school day for Dosbarth Derwen and Dosbarth Bedwen – 3:30PM

After School Club provision – 3:30-5PM

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Please note that masks will be required when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Equipment and personal belongings

It is essential that we take all steps to ensure children and staff are as safe as possible in school. In order to minimise the number of items being transported between home and school we ask that these are kept to a minimum. Children will need ONE bag which should contain what they need for the day;

- A bottle of drinking water
- Reading book
- A coat
- Lunchbox for non-school dinner pupils
- Hat/gloves/sun cream (as required)

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Pupils in Dosbarth Ceiriosen and Dosbarth Helygen are asked to use their book bag as opposed to a rucksack and to carry their lunchbox separately as we have limited space for storing such items. Information regarding Forest School and PE Days will be shared by your child's class teacher.

COVID symptoms

If your child presents ANY COVID symptoms it is essential that you keep them at home and let us know by telephoning the school office. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child shows any symptoms in school we will phone the emergency contact numbers provided and ask that the child is collected immediately. Should you need to review or amend the emergency contact details we hold for your child email or phone the school office. It is essential that symptomatic children over the age of 5 are tested and that parents notify the school of the results as soon as possible.

Blended Learning

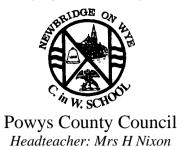
Our ability to provide face to face learning is governed by our staffing capacity. In instances where staff or pupils need to isolate there may be times where individuals, whole classes or even the whole school will need to switch to Blended Learning. At this point teaching will occur through either Seesaw or Google Classroom and the use of Microsoft Teams. These platforms will continue to be used from the start of the school year to ensure all children can access the platforms and are familiar with its features. We will use these platforms to share homework tasks. If there are any families that have no access to devices to support their children with Blended Learning please contact the school office so arrangements can be made.

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Many thanks in advance for your support in these matters.

Yours sincerely

Helen Nixon Headteacher