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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you had a good Christmas break.

I have received information from Welsh Government and the Local Authority this week and receive daily updates on operational guidance and testing. Teaching staff have been into school today to prepare for the new term, which will start on Monday, 10th January for all year groups. Obviously due to the new variant of Covid-19 (Omicron), schools have had 2 planning days this week to ensure additional safety measures have been put in place and to ensure we have sufficient staffing levels.

New measures this term and expectations of families on the school site:

- Staggered start will remain in place. Reception, Year 1 and 2 may arrive between 8:45-8:55 am, Nursery may arrive 8:50-9:00 am, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may arrive between 8:40-8:50 am.
- Welsh Government are currently allowing schools to operate a staggered finish time. Reception, Year 1 and 2 may be collected between 2:50-3:00 pm, Nursery may be collected between 11:20-11:30 am, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may be collected between 2:55-3:05 pm.
- A reminder to use the one-way system on the school site.
- We advise adults to wear a face covering on the school site.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club will operate as normal with pupils sitting in their class bubbles. Please book places in advance.

Changes to Self-isolation arrangements for those identified as close contacts of a confirmed positive case:

- Arrangements on self-isolation have changed. All over 18 who are have received 2 full doses of an approved vaccine and children aged 5-17 are now asked to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days if they are identified as a contact of a positive Covid-19 case, this is known as 'Daily Contact Testing'. Please note that contacts of a positive case are unlike to equate to an entire class/group.



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- We recommend those taking 'Daily Contact Testing' to take their tests before they arrive at school each day. These individuals do not need to self-isolate on that day unless they received a positive Later Flow Test or develop symptoms.
- Children under 5 years are not required to self-isolate or test as contacts but need to stay at home and isolate for 7 days if they develop any symptoms.

A reminder of the three key symptoms of Covid-19:

- A high temperature: this means that they feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- A new, continuous cough: this means a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste: this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal,

If your child is unwell, please keep at home until they are well. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please keep at home until 48 hours after last episode. Please inform us as soon as possible if your child or a member of your household develops Covid-19.

New Build for Playgroup

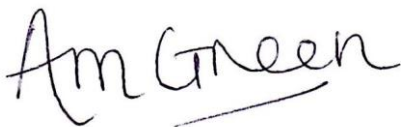
Preparation work has started this week for the new building, this will be situated on the grass by the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. The building site will be fenced off and we will have a temporary new access path and gateway on the Foundation Phase side of the school on Kynaston Place. New entrance is by the outside classroom and adventure park, this will be in use from Monday, 10th January.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay balances and ensure your account has credit for the new term.

Thank you for your cooperation and working with us to ensure the school remains open for face-to-face learning for the pupils. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Green
Headteacher



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