



Coronavirus (Covid-19)

I know that many of you will be aware of the processes we are following should a child display symptoms of coronavirus in school. However, I wanted to remind you of the process we follow to avoid any confusion. If a child develops any of the following symptoms, you will be contacted immediately:

- High Temperature
- New Continuous Cough
- Loss of Taste or Smell

When we are informed that a child is displaying these symptoms they are immediately taken to one of the isolation rooms set up in school to help protect everyone. If you are contacted, it is important that you collect your child (and any siblings) as soon as possible. Once a child has left the isolation it is then deep cleansed using a steaming machine.

If your child has been sent home with one of the symptoms you should arrange for a Covid test to be taken and they should self-isolate until the test result has been received. If the result is negative then your child may return to school. I would ask that all negative test results are sent to school for tracking purposes.

Within school, all classes are kept in 'contact' groups. This means that classes do not mix throughout the school day and are kept in zones on the playground. As far as possible within a school environment we are limiting the number of adults entering classrooms. Any adult who does enter a classroom must complete the TTP book within the room. In addition, all staff are now wearing face coverings in the corridor and communal areas of the school where they are unable to maintain a 2 metre social distance.

Collection from School

I understand just how frustrating it can be when you are following the guidelines in place from Welsh Government which other people fail to follow. We all have a very important part to play in limiting the spread of Coronavirus within the community and ensuring that our children can continue to come to school each day.

As a school, we are working extremely hard to make the collection arrangements at the end of the school day as smooth as possible. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure you adhere to the Government guidelines by maintaining a 2 metre social distance outside the school gates and indeed on the school grounds. I will continue to look at ways of managing the situation.

Money

Any money that is sent into school for fruit must be placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class. We would be grateful if your child's fruit money could be paid per half-term if possible. Should this not be possible, fruit is to be paid for on a Monday for the commencing week.

Nuts

We have a number of children in school who suffer from severe nut allergy. As a result, Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School is a nut free school. Please do not send any products into school that contain nuts.

Uniform

It is wonderful to see pupils arriving at school in their uniform, looking extremely smart. I am already aware of a large number of items appearing in lost property. As a school with almost 600 pupils attending it is an extremely difficult job returning lost property to pupils and impossible if they do not have their names inside the items. Please ensure that jumpers, cardigans, coats, etc. are clearly marked with your child's name. We will then be able to return the items to them. Thank you for your support with this.

What to do if your child is unwell

