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Parent Information Sheet — Thursday 18^{th} March 2021

Return to School

It has been fantastic to see all of our pupils back in school this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for your support in ensuring a smooth transition back into school. There has been a real 'buzz' around the building and pupils have worked extremely hard in class. The sights and sounds of the school day have returned and this has been wonderful to see and hear.

Drop Off / Collection

Please be respectful of local residents when you are dropping off and collecting your child. We have received a number of complaints regarding drive ways being blocked and residents unable to leave in their vehicles. I have been contacted by Gwent Police to say they will be patrolling outside the school over the coming weeks and will be issuing fixed penalty notices to anyone parking illegally.

Please remember to maintain the recommended social distancing outside school when collecting pupils. Parents may wait for pupils on the Foundation Phase playground if this makes things easier. The rear access gate to the school is open and Key Stage 2 pupils may leave through this gate to meet parents.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is tomorrow, Friday 19th March 2021 and we want to celebrate the occasion in school. Pupils may attend school in non-uniform and bring a donation for the charity. Please place all <u>donations in an envelope</u> clearly marked with your child's name and class. Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow pupils to wear red noses this year due to the associated risks with Coronavirus. Please do not send any red noses into school. However, you can be creative this year and paint your child's nose red for the day if you wish or do something funny with their hair! Have fun and be creative!

Coronavirus

If you are concerned that your child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus they should not attend school and you should arrange for a test to be taken as soon as possible. If your child is going for a Coronavirus test you must inform the school immediately as we need to record this information. You can do this by contacting the school office or using the contact form on the school website. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for Coronavirus you must inform the school immediately. Please do not let other parents know until you have informed us. If the test result is received outside school hours it can be reported using the contact form on the school website: https://www.rhiwsyrdafyddschool.wales/contact

Easter Break

I'm not sure where this school year has gone but we are almost at the Easter Break. School will close to pupils on Friday 26th March and reopen on Monday 12th April 2021. I am hopeful of some warm, sunny weather over the Easter so we can all get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air!

Pob Lwc Cymru

Good Luck to Wales on Saturday evening when they play France. A victory will see Wales win the Grand Slam for a record equalling 13th time. Please remember that the lockdown is still in place and as such families should not be mixing to watch the game. En joy the game sensibly and help limit the spread of Coronavirus.

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