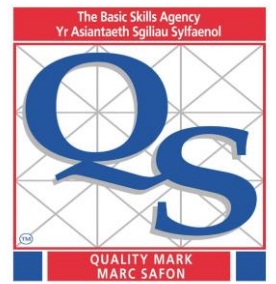


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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As we approach the half-term break I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the whole school community for your hard work, dedication and support throughout the past seven weeks. It has been an extremely strange start to the academic year but the pupils have been amazing and quickly adjusted to the new way of working.

We are now at the point where I need to make some amendments to the timetable due to the reintroduction of school lunches, as this will have some impact on collection times at the end of the school day. A copy of the new school lunch menu can be found by visiting the Caerphilly website. We will be on Week 2 of the menu after half-term

https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/Schools/Menu_02-11-20.aspx

Pupils will continue to eat their lunch in the classrooms as they currently do. Pupils who are having school dinners will have their meal delivered to the classroom in a container.

Beginning of the School Day

There will be very little change to the beginning of the school day. Pupils will continue to enter school as they do now. However, the foundation phase gate will close at 8.50am instead of 9.00am. Any pupils arriving after this time should enter school through the main office.

End of the School Day

The gate at the rear of the school will be open at the end of the school day for pupils who are walking home from school. There will no access for parents at the current time.

After half-term I am going to trial all pupils leaving school through the main gate on the playground. There are a number of safety concerns which have been raised in terms of pupils leaving through the car park gate. This arrangement will be regularly reviewed to ensure there is no impact on the contact groups leaving school at the end of the day. Junior parents should not come onto the playground to collect pupils as they will be brought to the gate. Foundation Phase parents may continue to enter the playground but please leave immediately as soon as you have collected your child.

Reception: Normal collection arrangements will continue

Year 1: Normal collection arrangements will continue

- Year 2: Normal collection arrangements will continue
- Year 3: Pupils will leave through the main gate at 15:00
- Year 4: Pupils will leave through the main gate at 15:05
- Year 5: Pupils will leave through the main gate at 15:10
- Year 6: Pupils will leave through the main gate at 15:15

It is imperative that you maintain a 2 metre social distance at all times when collecting pupils from school. As soon as you have collected your child / children please leave the area immediately.

Physical Education

Arrangements for Physical Education will remain as they are at the current time. Pupils may continue to wear appropriate kit to school on their P.E. days. As the weather changes, we will look to hold some of the lessons in the halls with them being cleaned between sessions.

PTCs

Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions which are in place we are unable to hold face to face meetings with parents at this time. Instead, all teachers have been asked to complete a short report which will be sent out following the half-term break.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a very safe and relaxing half-term break. We may be in lockdown but we can still get outside with our families and enjoy the fresh air. Take care everyone and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr George
Headteacher
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