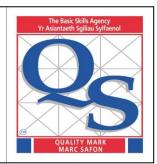


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12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that from tomorrow, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, we will be moving from Class contact groups to year group contact groups for those children who are attending the Hub facility. We are all now aware that there is a significant concern that schools are contributing to the transmission of the virus in the community and therefore it is important that we do all we can to keep our community safe. Therefore, as a school we are attempting to strike the fine balance of running our school effectively, whilst adhering to Welsh Government and Public Health Wales guidance. The move to year group Hubs will significantly reduce the number of staff who are required to attend the school site each day in line with recommendations from Government. Please be aware that we are currently operating with limited numbers in the school office and as such it may take a little longer to answer any telephone calls.

Children will continue to access and leave the Hub as they do at the current time through the usual gates. However, they will be based within different classrooms in the school. Staff will meet children and explain this to them when they arrive at school.

All children attending the Hub facility must wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. They should also bring a snack which can be eaten during morning break. Please ensure that your child wears a warm coat as the intention is to use the outdoors as much as possible and certainly during break and lunchtimes. Children do not need to attend the Hub for the entire day. Please go to the main reception to collect children at any point prior to the usual end of day.

I need to remind all parents that should there be a positive case of Coronavirus in one of the year group contact groups then the entire group would be required to self-isolate for 10 days in line with Public Health Wales guidelines. I am aware that this has caused some issues in other areas where Hub classes have been forced to close, and wanted to make this clear to parents. If your child tests positive for Coronavirus then it is imperative that you inform school immediately. Please use the 'Contact' facility on the school website: <a href="https://www.rhiwsyrdafyddschool.wales/contact">https://www.rhiwsyrdafyddschool.wales/contact</a> and type 'Positive Coronavirus Test' in the subject bar.

If you have any queries regarding this letter then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Mr C George

Headteacher Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School