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27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break and found some time to relax as a family. The beginning of the new school term is fast approaching and I wanted to provide you with some updated information. The information in this letter is similar to that which was sent out at the end of term on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, the Welsh Government announced that face coverings were being recommended for pupils over the age of eleven in schools communal areas. Limited guidance has been provided to schools with the expectation that headteachers and local councils will decide whether face coverings will be required. At the current time it appears that the guidance does not relate to the Primary phase although this could change as further information is received. I will of course keep you all updated as and when new information is received.

All schools in Caerphilly Borough will hold planning and preparation days on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. This is to allow risk assessments to be put in place following the additional guidance which was released by Welsh Government in the middle of August. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September current Nursery (Reception September 2020) and Year 2 (Year 3 September 2020) pupils will return to school to allow for transition to next the phase of learning. The times of these sessions will be as follows:

### **Nursery (Reception September 2020)**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 - Mornings: 8:45 – 11:15  
Afternoons: 12:15 – 14:45

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Mornings: 8:45 – 11:15  
Afternoons: 12:15 – 14:45

We will use part of the time that pupils attend to transition between Nursery and Reception. Pupils should access the building using the Nursery entrance. Please maintain social distancing as much as possible.

### **Year 2 (Year 3 September 2020)**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020: - 9:00am – 12:00pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020: - 9:00am – 12:00pm

Pupils should use the pedestrian gates as the entrance to the main car park. Parents should remain outside the school gates at all times. All pupils will require a snack that they can eat at break time in

the morning. Staff will be in the car park to receive pupils. Please be aware that the car park gates will be closed and no parking will be available on the school site.

### **Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- **Nursery** - A separate letter has been sent with information for these pupils. If you do not have a copy of the letter please contact the school office.
- **Reception** - A separate letter has been sent with information for these pupils. If you do not have a copy of the letter please contact the school office.
- **Year 1** - 8:45 to 9:00 – 12:45 (Main playground entrance)
- **Year 2** - 8:45 to 9:00 – 13:00 (Main playground entrance)
- **Year 3** - 8:55 – 13:30 (Main car park entrance)
- **Year 4** - 8:50 – 13:45 (Main car park entrance)
- **Year 5** - 8:45 – 14:00 (Main car park entrance)
- **Year 6** - 8:40 – 14:15 (Main car park entrance)

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Onwards until further notice)**

- **Year 1** - 8:45 to 9:00 – 14:50 (Main playground entrance)
- **Year 2** - 8:45 to 9:00 – 15:00 (Main playground entrance)
- **Year 3** - 8:55 – 14:55 (Main car park entrance)
- **Year 4** - 8:50 – 15:00 (Main car park entrance)
- **Year 5** - 8:45 – 15:05 (Main car park entrance)
- **Year 6** - 8:40 – 15:10 (Main car park entrance)

Foundation Phase pupils (Year 1 & Year 2) should arrive at school between 8:45 and 9:00am and use the main playground gate. Teachers will be on the playground and pupils should walk onto the playground where they will be directed to their classrooms.

Junior pupils (Year 3 – Year 6) should use the pedestrian gates at the entrance to the main car park. Parents should remain outside the school gates. Teachers will be stood in the car park and children should line up in front of their teacher. Parents should not access the school car park.

At the end of the school day, Foundation Phase parents may collect pupils from external classroom doors. The collection arrangements will be regularly reviewed in line with Welsh Government guidance. Please ensure you maintain the appropriate social distance measures at all times. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will leave through the main car park entrance and will be brought to the gates by class teachers until further notice. Please be aware that there will be no vehicular access to the car park until further notice.

Staggered start and end times to the school day will need to continue for some considerable time. This will be regularly reviewed in line with guidance received from Welsh Government and Local Authority.

Throughout September it is unlikely that there will be breakfast provision at the school. This is under constant review by the local authority and I will keep you updated as and when new information is received. In addition, there will be no catering arrangements in school until further notice and as such all pupils will need to be provided with a packed lunch.

When pupils return to school they will be required to wear school uniform. Physical Education lessons will take place outdoors as far as possible until further notice.

All new pupils joining Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary from other schools should be taken to the main office on their first day. Parents may accompany pupils but please maintain the social distance measures at all times and sanitise your hands on arrival in the building.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school for the beginning of the new academic year. It is likely that school will look different for some considerable time but I can guarantee that the dedication and professionalism of the staff will remain unchanged. The happiness and well-being of the pupils will remain our main priority at all times.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the main school office.

Mr C George  
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