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Dear parents/carers,

Following on from my letter yesterday, I can now confirm the following details for the return to school after the half term break:

**The local authority has designated Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February as planning and preparation days**, to ensure risk assessments, processes and systems are suitable, and to ensure we can welcome pupils back safely.

**Emergency on site (childcare) provision for KS2 pupils will start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** See timings below.

**Existing Nursery** children will return to school on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**, with the children who were due to start in January joining them on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. This will support new nursery pupils as they begin their school journey.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
<b>Nursery AM</b> Mrs Jones	Heol Dulais Entrance 9.15 – 9.20am	Heol Dulais Entrance 11.15 – 11.20am
<b>Nursery AM</b> Mrs Jones	Heol Dulais Entrance 1.15 – 3.15pm	Heol Dulais Entrance 3.15 – 3.20pm
<b>Reception</b> Miss Westwood & Mrs Hixon/Griffiths	Heol Dulais Entrance 9.00 – 9.10am	Heol Dulais Entrance 3.00 – 3.10 pm
<b>Y1</b> Mrs Aitcheson & Miss Davies	Heol Dulais Entrance 8.50 – 9.00 am	Heol Dulais Entrance 2.50 – 3.00 pm
<b>Y2</b> Mrs Morgans & Miss Beynon	Breakfast Club Entrance 9.00 – 9.10 am	Breakfast Club Entrance 3.10 – 3.20 pm
<b>Emergency Childcare</b>	Main Entrance 8.50 am	School office 3.20pm

Staff are really looking forward to seeing the children and they will be following LA and WG guidance. Please note that the LA has stated that attendance will be compulsory for Foundation Phase children and home learning will no longer be offered for these pupils after Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. If there is any reason why your child will not be able to attend, please contact Miss Llewellyn as soon as possible. Below are some Key Points for information; these are subject to ongoing review and change.

- Social distancing measures will be in place between children and staff where possible, but be aware that we cannot guarantee social distancing at all times.
- The school will have a very detailed Risk Assessment and Operational Plan (produced alongside City and County of Swansea) in place to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible for your children.



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- Strict hygiene and cleaning routines will be in place, including regular handwashing. All children will have hygiene and behaviour expectations explained on arrival.
- Please be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 (flu like symptoms, a continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/ or smell, rash) and **ensure that you or your child do not come to school if symptoms are present.**
- Please be aware that whilst every effort has been made to mitigate the risk to staff, pupils and public, however, it is noted that total mitigation of the risk of contamination/infection with COVID-19 is not possible.
- To ensure the safety of all pupils, the school will continue to operate a staggered entry to the premises in the morning, and a staggered exit at the end of the school day.
- **Please be familiar with the current expectations for the safe entry and exit of each child to the school premises:**
  1. **When outside the school gates, follow the social distancing guidelines given by Public Health Wales, ensuring you stay 2M apart from others.**
  2. **If waiting to drop off or receive your child, stay 2M apart from others at all times.**
  3. **You must wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child.**
  4. **If using a car to bring your child to school, please park responsibly and in line with the law and Highway Code.**
  5. **Please leave the area immediately after dropping your child off or collecting your child.**
  6. **Please be aware that all children will need to be accompanied by their parents until they are received into the care of school staff. Additionally, all pupils must be met by a parent at collection time.**
- To ensure the safety of all children and staff, visitors to the school building will be strictly limited. Should you wish to speak with a member of staff, please telephone the school office as all meetings/appointments will be undertaken over the telephone and not in person.
- If your child becomes unwell during the day, you will be contacted by the school office and asked to collect him/her as soon as possible. **Please ensure that the school has your current telephone number if this has changed recently.**
- Breakfast Club and After-school club will not be able to operate when school resumes after the half term break. This will be reviewed during the course of the term and you will be updated of any changes.
- During the first week after term, all pupils attending school will be required to bring a packed lunch. We have been informed by the local authority that BACS payments for free school meals will continue for the first week for eligible pupils.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school by email in the first instance. A huge thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents, and indeed the whole school community, for the support and resilience shown during this time.



Matthew O'Brien  
Headteacher



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