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### **Return to School - Autumn 2021**

Annywl bawb/Dear All,

I sincerely hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday and our pupils are fully recharged and ready to start back to school. I would just like to take the time to update you on some key matters prior to school reopening.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET day (Day 1 of 6 planned) – staff only

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET day (2 of 6) – staff only

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September – all year groups attend school as normal.

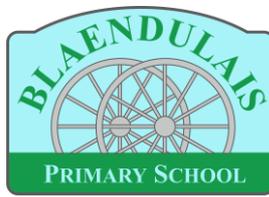
Please ensure that you child arrives at school by 8.50am.

### **School Structure**

Nursery	Mrs Rudge	Early Years Building	08.50 – 11.40
Reception/Year 1/Year 2	Mr Curtis	Infant Building	08.50 – 15.15
LSC1	Mrs Totterdale	Infant Building	08.50 – 15.15
Year 3/Year 4	Mr Clark	Junior Building	08.50 – 15.15
Year 5/Year 6	Mrs Jones	Junior Building	08.50 – 15.15
LSC2	Mrs Wheadon (Deputy Head)	Junior Building	08.50 – 15.15

### **Headteacher Update**

NPT have requested that Mr Phillips covers the maternity leave of the 'Acting' Headteacher of Bryncoch CiW Primary School during 2021/22. As yet, the school is unsure of a start date, however, it is expected that 'Covering' Headteacher duties will begin either in October, or December and run until September 2022. With this being the case, Mrs Wheadon will become 'Acting' Headteacher of Blaendulais Primary School for the maternity period. The school will therefore require an 'Acting' Deputy Headteacher/LSC2 teacher to cover the duration of Mr Phillips' absence. The school will update the pupils, parents, and carers in due course.



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### Covid Update

We are all desperate for things to fully return to normal within schools, but the fact remains that the Covid-19 situation remains very uncertain. Updated guidance was released to schools last Friday and some of the key points are outlined below:

- Any pupil exhibiting any of the three main symptoms of Covid-19 (**new persistent cough, fever, loss of taste and/or smell**) should self-isolate, should arrange a Covid test and notify the school. Household members will need to self-isolate **unless** they are **under 18** or have been **double vaccinated**. The same procedures are followed if there is a positive case in a household.
- If there is a positive case of Covid within the pupil population, Track and Trace will be responsible for identifying close contacts. Initially, contact bubbles will continue to exist, however, there will be no need to isolate **unless** advised to by Track and Trace.
- There is no requirement for masks to be worn in the building, however we will support pupils who wish to wear them.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash hands regularly and maintain good levels of hygiene.
- Parents/Carers are asked to continue to remain off site pre/post/during the school day to help with potential transmission. Parents/Carers are asked to wear masks and practise social-distancing when dropping off/collecting pupils.

Warm Regards

Mr G Phillips