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Article 3:

Everyone that works with children should do the best for them

Saturday 21st March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing this letter at the end of a very unusual week for us all in Cwmnedd Primary School and its family community. Friday was a very emotional day for us all as we said goodbye to the children for what could be a considerable time due to the current situation with the Coronavirus pandemic.

So far we have let you know that as of **Monday 23rd March 2020**, the school will open to provide care facilities to the children of essential workers and vulnerable pupils only. On Friday I posted a letter on our website from our Director of Education Mr Aled Evans giving details of the list of essential workers.

I would like to thank those of you who are essential workers for completing the employment census on our website so that I can begin to plan for the numbers of children that require places in school. Confirmation of some essential worker roles may be required such as letter from Head Office/management outlining essential worker category.

Key Messages from our Director of Education

The purpose of closing schools is to restrict and minimise social contact and therefore reduce the risk of being infected by the Coronavirus. **Therefore, if it is at all possible, please keep your children at home.**

We want to prioritise attendance at school to only those who **absolutely** need to be there and are eligible to be there according to this criteria. If you fall outside this criteria, schools will not be expected to receive your children.

If you do fall into a category and are working from home **or** have alternative childcare then your child cannot come in to school. **We must keep each other safe.**

The School Day for Week Beginning 23.03.2020

The school day will be as normal with all children being housed on the New Street site.

We will only be using the main school entrance for children and visitors, including Breakfast Club:

- Breakfast Club available from 8.10 to 8.30 a.m.
- School day starts at 8.50 a.m. (main school doors will open at 8.40 a.m.)
- Nursery children can stay all day, including for lunch
- Lunch time will be 12.00 to 12.55p.m. Hot lunch will be provided or children can bring sandwiches.
- School day ends for all children at 3.10 p.m.

Children **will not** be expected to wear uniform however are more than welcome to if this makes things easier for parents. We will be upholding hygiene practises with children and staff with regard to handwashing on arrival and throughout the day.

We will be using tighter social distancing techniques at the school door, and so will be minimising parents and visitors entering the school.

Grab and Go Bags

'Grab and Go' lunch bags will be available for children entitled to Free School Meals daily between 10.45 and 11.45a.m.

We ask that parents come to the main school door from 10.45a.m. Please do not arrive before this time.

We need to know if you require a Grab and Go bag for your child, so I have posted a short survey on our website and text out a link.

I would be grateful if this could be completed by 9 a.m. Monday. This is so that we minimise waste.

I will maintain contact with our families throughout our closure. I will be in school every day along with a team of staff. I will continue to use our text service and website to post communication. If you are able to use Twitter I will also use this to post information and retweet any key messages from our Local Authority, Welsh Government or UK Government. Please follow us on Twitter if you do not already do so @CwmneddPrimary1.

Most importantly I want to wish you all well. Please take care of yourselves, your families and loved ones and **our fantastic Cwmnedd children**. Please follow guidance issued to us all by Public Health Wales and the Government to keep each other safe and healthy, and hopefully we will all be able to beat this awful virus. Let's be kind to each other and know that there are people at risk every day like our wonderful NHS workers who are fighting this virus at the frontline.

I am so blessed to be the Headteacher at Cwmnedd Primary School as I realise how lucky we are to have such a supportive and close knit community in Glynneath and its surrounding area.

If there is anything that we as a school can do for anyone in our community please contact me at school and we will try our best to help. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school for any concerns regarding this information.

Best wishes to you all, from myself and our wonderful staff

Miss S A Harwood

Headteacher

RAINBOWS

If you are looking for something to do with your child at home, why not paint or draw and colour a rainbow and place it in your window at home. We started this at school on Friday with our children and will be putting them up in our front windows to line our corridor – just to make everyone smile and uplift our community.

Right of the Month for March:

Article 7:

The right to a name and nationality

