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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following the Welsh Government announcement on Friday that Infant pupils will be returning to school after half term, we are very pleased to inform you that all infant pupils (including nursery) can return to school on Monday 22nd February.

In line with the risk assessment on our website, the daily routine for all infant pupils will be the same as it was in the autumn term. Pupils can arrive between 8:40 and 9:00 at the School Street entrance by the nursery where you'll line up using the one way system as before. If you also have a child in juniors who is attending the key worker provision, they can also be dropped off at the infant entrance. Collection time is between 3:00 p.m. and 3:20 p.m. During the autumn term there was increased congestion at 3:00. It would really help to ease this congestion if Mrs Jardine & Miss Gaze's children are collected between 3:00 and 3:20 and Miss Edwards' children are collected between 3:10 and 3:20.

You do not need to queue twice; if you have children in Miss Gaze's class please wait outside the main gate on School Street and we will hand the older children over to you as soon as we can.

Following the latest government guidance to ensure all our safety, **ALL** visitors on the premises should wear a mask and adhere to 2 metre social distancing. There is signage around the school to remind you about this and all staff will meet you at the gate with a mask, please wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child. This will ensure that we keep our community safe and reduce the possibility of transmission.

We are delighted that the children are returning and we are sure it won't be long before the juniors also return. Please ensure you continue to follow government guidelines relating to activities outside school hours. Although the children will be kept securely in their class bubbles whilst in school, it's important to remember we need to limit contact outside school to minimise transmission.

Please could the children return in school uniform, with their book bag; we will provide a school water bottle for each individual child.

Breakfast Club will continue for emergency child care only; this will ensure the numbers are limited and it can be run safely with children sat in their class bubbles two metres apart. If numbers rise we will have to review and limit this provision due to our small infant hall and the lack of space. We appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter.

After half term, home learning will continue to be provided for junior pupils. Provision for key workers in the juniors will continue for the days that parents are working and have no alternative child care. Please let Mrs Sharp know in advance the days you are working and require child care.

Thank you for your continued support during these very difficult times; we have been overwhelmed by the support from our wonderful school community and the fantastic engagement with the home learning. During the half term holiday, there will be a break from home learning to give you and the children time to have a well-earned rest.

Take care and stay safe from all the staff at the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sharp

