



Weekly Newsletter - Thursday 3rd September 2020

It's lovely to be able to welcome you and your children back for the Autumn Term in Melin Primary School. We still find ourselves in difficult times together, but I'm sure that you and your children will enjoy the benefits of the children being back in school – we've missed them! I'd like to thank you all for your patience and support through the past few months. Things have not been easy for our community, but please rest assured that the school is doing all it can to bring a new normal for the boys and girls in which they are happy, safe and learning.

As part of the Welsh Government guidance, we have to ensure that staff, pupils and parents/carers fully understand that:

- any staff member or pupil who has possible symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend the school but must stay home and self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school of this.
- if any family/household member of any member of staff or pupil displays possible symptoms of COVID-19, then the staff member or pupil must not attend the school and must remain at home for the period of household isolation. Again the school should be notified of this.
- where a staff member or learner becomes unwell at the school with possible symptoms of COVID-19 they will be sent home immediately where they should self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test. Until they leave the school site (in the case of a pupil waiting to be collected by a parent/carer) they will be supervised safely away from other children and made comfortable.

We will continue in school to encourage the children to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual. We'll be teaching and encouraging the children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' if they sneeze or cough and we'll have enhanced cleaning systems in place in the school.

To help us keep your children safe, children will not need to bring hand gel to school as we already have dispensers set up, at an appropriate height, in each classroom. Unfortunately, we won't be able to let children bring their own as they could be misused.

We hope to be in a position to bring back breakfast club from Monday 14th of September on both sites. There will be more information on this in next week's newsletter. Thank you for your understanding – we know how people rely on the provision. I'd also like to remind you that we are operating hot dinners in school. If you need to access Parent Pay to pay for dinners, please contact the office.

It's my pleasure to welcome back Mrs. Cameron to school - she has been sorely missed. I'm sure that the boys and girls in the Year 3/4 class will thoroughly enjoy being taught by her on a Wednesday.

Along with this newsletter, you'll have a letter explaining that there are vacancies for three parent governors on the school's governing body. If you'd like further information about the role that parent governors play, please feel free to contact me at the school. Closing date for nominations is Friday 18th of September 2020.

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