



Weekly Newsletter - Monday 9th November 2020

We're pleased to be coming out of our fire-break lockdown which will hopefully mean that you and your families will be able to see more people in line with the government guidance. I know that out and about in Neath Port Talbot and Wales the rate of infections is high. If you're unsure about what to do if you, your child or someone you know has a confirmed case, please follow the information at the bottom of this newsletter or take a look at the information at the link below:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-10/test-trace-protect-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

Don't forget that the School Council have decided that they would like to hold a non-uniform day to help raise money for Children in Need this Friday. The children will be able to wear their own choice of clothes to school on Friday 13th of November for a donation of £1 to Children in Need. We will be putting a special collection jar in each class for the children to put the money into.

Along with this newsletter you'll have a letter from the Director of Education at Neath Port Talbot Council, Mr. Aled Evans. In the newsletter he asks that parents/carers avoid gathering around school settings and to follow the school's advice regarding children's dropping off and picking up arrangements. He has also stated that the Local Authority now expects parents/carers and other visitors to the school site to wear face coverings on the school site (whether entering the building or not), including at drop-off and pick-up times. I'd ask you to please follow this request from the Local Authority as we as a school have to follow their guidance in this matter. Thank you for your understanding.

Can I please clarify some information which some parents were concerned about last week. We are going to be having to keep a limited number of windows partially open in the school for ventilation. On the Key Stage Two (junior) site, it is one window that looks out onto the yard being partially open and another that opens onto the courtyard being partially open. On the Foundation Phase site we will be partially opening two of the top windows in each room. Obviously, the amount that the windows are open will depend on the coldness outside on the day. If it is very cold outside, the windows will be open less as we need to balance the comfort of the children inside with the need to ventilate. I would again suggest that it would be sensible for the children to wear 3 layers in class to help keep them as warm as possible for example a vest, t-shirt and jumper.

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Headteacher



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TEMPERATURE



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TASTE

- Staff member or pupil got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school.
- Family/household member got symptoms of COVID-19? Don't attend the school. Stay home and self isolate.
- If your child's test comes back positive, please let us know by scanning the QR code or visiting www.npted.org/melinprimary 'returning to school' page

