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Dear Parents

### **Delayed Return**

The Welsh Government have made the decision to delay the opening of schools until the 18<sup>th</sup> January. We have been advised that this date will be reviewed next week and possibly extended. The reason for the closure, as I am sure you aware, is this new variant of Covid 19 and the rise in cases. As Kirsty Williams stated

"Education has a role to play in helping suppress the virus and helping our NHS to cope and helping those doctors and nurses and healthcare professionals who are on the front line and struggling so hard to look after us all."

The school will be open to support those critical/keyworkers who are unable to find alternative care for their children on the days that they are working. **The more children we have in the school the greater the risk for both children and staff.** The advice is for children to stay home wherever possible and we would like to thank you for your support. We appreciate that 'home schooling/distance learning' isn't easy and we will do our best to support you.

Listed below is essential information for those that don't have an alternative and need to use the 'Keyworker Bubble' :

- All pupils attending will be in one bubble/classroom and will be managed by our teaching assistants. These pupils will follow the same 'blended learning' programme as the pupils working from home.
- Pupils will need to wear warm clean clothes each day. There is no need for pupils to wear school uniform.
- School Lunches will be available however we are not following the existing menu.
- The school will be open from 9 am to 3.30pm. Please line up (socially distanced) at the top front gate. **All pupils to enter through the front door.** Mrs Twiddy or Miss Hobby will come down to collect the children. The children will leave from the front entrance.
- School Transport will be running - we have been advised that if the bus is empty in the morning it won't collect any pupils in the afternoon unless you have made contact with the company.
- Please ensure your child is well before sending them into school.

### **Blended Learning**

We have made some changes to our blended learning provision. Mrs Ingram and Miss Tame will meet with their class each morning. Within this time the teachers will share and explain the tasks for the morning. We have split the times as many families were sharing one device.

**9.00 am – 9.30 am Mrs Ingram**

**9.30 am – 10 am Miss Tame**

**Please note that these sessions will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.**

Please can we remind you that the children's cameras and microphones can be on if an adult is near. Parents are more than welcome to listen in and ask questions if further clarification is required.

If children are unable to attend the Teams Meeting, details of the learning activities can be found:

Class 2 – All activities will be detailed on 'Google Classrooms'

Class 1 – All activities will be email to the pupil's hwb email.

The children have been sent home with Hwb logins. If you have any questions or issues with login details please email the class teacher directly.

**At 1pm the children in Mrs Ingram's class** will have another opportunity to talk to the class teacher about any issues with activities or seek further assistance.

**Miss Tame's class will check in at 1.15pm**

The activities will be a range of tasks to complete online, on paper, pre-recorded lessons, and practically in and around the house. Our aim is for the children to be able to work independently but have the opportunity to check in with the class teacher twice a day.

Our teaching assistants will be online during the meetings and will also be responding to some of the pupil's tasks.

If you have any questions or require further support please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Mrs R Beck

Mrs K Ingram

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