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Friday 3rd September 2021,

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to Hendrefoilan for the start of the Autumn Term 2021. The staff and I hope that you had an enjoyable summer, and we will be happy to see you again and welcome the pupils back to school on Monday.

This letter outlines the latest guidance we have received from the Welsh Government and the Local Authority covering our plans for September.

Wales is at alert level zero. As a result, the current policy allows contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19 to be exempt from isolation if they are asymptomatic and double vaccinated (at least 14 days ago) or under the age of 18. However, those who have symptoms/test positive **MUST** continue to isolate immediately.

We will continue to monitor the situation, but TTP will make some final decisions on close contacts. TTP may contact the school to supplement the information they have gathered with any further intelligence we may have available. The expectation of our school is that we follow the specific advice we receive from TTP. Close contacts might be asked to undertake LFT and even PCR tests.

It must be recognised that the COVID situation remains uncertain, and there may be a need to issue further updates in the event of any significant developments. We will be continually reviewing the latest advice from medical professionals and the Local Authority.

General Information and Rules

- School Starts for all reception to Y6 Pupils on Monday 6th September 2021 (Nursery pupils will have a staggered start).
- The school day starts at 8.50 am and ends at 3.20 pm for all pupils.





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- Breakfast Club is from 8 am. From Monday 6th September there will be a £1.50 charge. For the time being, this is payable in cash at the door (no cheques please).
- After School Club is until 5.15 pm and is bookable in advance and payable on Squid (£6 per session with a concession for siblings).

COVID Safety Rules (Please see <https://gov.wales/school-operations-coronavirus> for more details).

- Wherever possible all adults will keep a 2 metre distance between themselves and others.
- Face masks do not have to be worn in school; however, we support all individuals who wish to wear a mask.
- Children and staff will use hand sanitiser/wash their hands on arrival.
- All parents and guardians must assure staff that their child/children DO NOT show symptoms of the virus before entering the school. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:
 - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
 - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.
 - The Local Health Board is also making testing available for individuals who are experiencing a wider range of symptoms such as fatigue, myalgia (muscle ache or pain), a sore throat, a headache, a runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea. Individuals are asked to consider taking a test if they are experiencing any of these wider symptoms and they are new, persistent and/or unusual symptoms for them.
- Children, young people under 18 and fully vaccinated adults are exempt from the need to self-isolate if they are identified as close contacts of a positive case.





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- Everyone who tests positive for coronavirus or has been contacted by TTP must continue to isolate for 10 days, whether they have been vaccinated or not. More detail can be found at [Self Isolation Rules](#)
- TTP are responsible for notifying the positive case and will contact identified close contacts and offer them PCR testing on day 2 (or as soon as possible once identified as a contact) and day 8. TTP will also advise them on the most appropriate actions for their circumstances and for some, this will include advising to self-isolate. Most learners in a class/year group are unlikely to be identified as close contacts.
- The school will take a 'warn and inform' approach to update parents and staff on the COVID situation and what they need to do, via Parent Mail.

Access to the School

- Within the school building, we operate a strict 'no unauthorised adults' and 'staff only' policy. All visitors must report to the school office via the voice entry system at the main door and meetings with teachers must be by appointment whenever possible. However, if you just want a very quick chat, staff will be happy to speak to you briefly whenever they safely can.
- All parents must vacate the drop off/pick up area immediately after dropping off and collection.
- Face coverings must be worn by parents when dropping off and/or picking up children. During these times, staff will wear face coverings.
- Parents are allowed onto the external school site and pupils should be dropped off and picked up from the door nearest to their classrooms.
- Pupils do not need to line up, they can enter the school at 8.50 am via the doors nearest to their class (please see Table 1 below). Older pupils may walk from the gate to their classroom on their own. N.B in the event of inclement weather, please dress appropriately as we cannot open the doors to pupils before 8.50 am.





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Table 1 - Drop off and Pick Up Points for all Pupils

Class Name	Teacher and Teaching Assistant	Year Group	Entrance and Exit Door
Jellyfish	Miss Burn, Miss Black, Miss Morris and Mrs Fairweather	Nursery	Nursery Conservatory Door
Turtles	Miss De Val and Mrs Schocker	Reception/Y1	Main School Door
Seahorses	Mrs Dolbear and Mrs Bowen	Reception/Y1	Wooden Side Gate
Dolphins	Mrs Howard and Mrs Kneath	Reception/Y1	Wooden Side Gate
Sharks	Mrs Tidy and Mrs Williams	Y2	Side Gate
Sea Otters	Mrs Bews/Miss Burn and Mrs Coffey	Y3	New Corridor Doors
Manta Rays	Mr Kelleher and Mrs Jones/Miss Morris	Y4	KS2 Toilet Door
Rainbow Fish	Miss Dalton, Mrs Davies and Mr Wright	Y5	New Corridor Doors
Orcas	Mr Webb and Mr McNaughton	Y6	Side Classroom Door

*Staff will be in the yard to welcome you and show the pupils to their doors.

Break and dinner times

- Morning break is from 10.30 to 10.50 am. Foundation Phase will play on the middle yard. KS2 will play on the top yard and top field.





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- Dinner break is from 11.45 am to 1pm.
 - Dinner sitting 1 (DS1): The Foundation Phase pupils eat during DS1, in the hall from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm.
 - Dinner sitting 2 (DS2): KS2 pupils eat during DS2, in the hall from 12.30 pm to 1 pm.
- School dinners are available from Monday 6th September. Please remember to check that your child's/children's Squid accounts are in credit (cost £2.40 a day).

Assembly

- Assembly will take place online for the first two weeks (every Friday at 1pm). After that Assembly will take place in the hall every day from 10.15 am to 10.30 am (tbc).

Equipment

- From Sharks (Y2) upwards, pupils should bring their own clearly labelled pencil case, with a pen, pencil, rubber etc.
- We will operate a 'clear desk' policy and housekeeping is excellent.
- All children must bring a coat as much of the day will be spent outdoors (weather permitting).
- Pupils can change for PE in school and the staff will notify you of the class' timetable asap.

Kindest Regards,

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