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Headteacher: Mrs E Edwards

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are all well and looking forward to some nice weather during the summer holidays. As the term draws to a close both online learning and contact with teachers will finish on Friday 17th July and as you will be aware, this is also when Key Worker provision will also finish. For information on childcare services available during the holidays please contact the Wrexham Family Information Service on fis@wrexham.gov.uk or 01978 292094.

On Monday we received guidance from the Welsh Government regarding the opening of all schools in Wales for all pupils from September, where all pupils are expected to be back in school. Since then we have been busy making plans for the safe return for all pupils. Opening and closing times will be slightly staggered to allow for Parents/Carers to socially distance when dropping off and picking up. Please see the grid below for the details.

Nursery pupils will be contacted by Mrs Crump to arrange transition sessions starting the week beginning Monday 14th September.

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September - School will be closed to all pupils on these days for staff to make preparations.

Start dates for your child to return to school	Year group	Teacher	Start and Finish time. Drop off and pick up location
Thursday 3rd September	Hywel	Miss Davies	8.50 am - 3.10 pm Classroom door
	Melangell	Mrs Dutton-Hughes	8.50 am - 3.10 pm Main school foyer
	Reception	Mrs Crump/Miss Williams/Mrs Pennington	8.55 am - 3.00 pm Main school foyer
Monday 7th September	Year 2	Miss Griffiths	8.55 am - 3.00 pm Year 2 classroom gate
	Year 6	Mr Hughes	8.50 am - 3.10 pm Hall door 1
Tues 8th September	Year 1	Miss Jones	8.55 am - 3.00 pm Year 1 classroom gate
	Year 5	Miss Oldfield	8.50 am - 3.10 pm Hall door 2

Wed 9th September	Year 3	Mrs Phelps-Jones	8.50 am - 3.10 pm Year 3 classroom door
	Year 4	Miss Heath	8.50 am - 3.10 pm Year 4 classroom door

As you will appreciate, we will make every effort to organise the school setting and classrooms with safety and wellbeing of all in mind. We cannot eliminate the risks, however we will do our very best to reduce them. This will require your cooperation at all times and you will need to be responsible for your own social distancing and that of your children when dropping them off and picking them up. The staggered times and various drop off/pick up points will help to limit the amount of people on the school grounds at any one time. Please also make sure that you are not congregating outside the school gates. There will continue to be a one way system in operation which will be clearly marked. The teachers will not be available to speak to you during drop off and collection times, to further maintain everyone's safety and because they will be receiving the children as they arrive. Any delay in this process will cause a queue to form, so please arrive and leave promptly.

We appreciate for some children that this may be an emotional process, but please be assured that we are all here to help you. In September if you do need to speak to a class teacher you will need to email, message them or make an appointment.

Breakfast club pupils can be dropped off from 8.30am (with no charge initially) with the aim that this time will be moved back to its original opening time as soon as we are able to. If your child is not attending breakfast club, please do not arrive before their allocated start time, where they will then go straight to their class. We will notify you of when the breakfast time will change.

We are awaiting an update from AVOW about the Little Sunflowers after school care and their future arrangements and we will inform you of this as soon as we receive it.

Initially in September there will be no compulsory expectation to wear school uniform, however if your child has uniform, it would be lovely to see them wearing it. You will be given an order form for you to place your order when your child returns to school.

In September, please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack and a water bottle. Please note that snack will not be provided for Foundation Phase pupils in the first few weeks. PE kits will not be needed for the first two weeks, while the children settle back in.

We are waiting for an update about school dinners, so please watch out on the school website and through your usual contact channels for details about school dinner provision.

The school website is:

<http://rhosymedre-community-primary-school.j2webby.com/>

We understand that for you and your child/children, particularly those who have not been in the school building for many months, that there may be natural anxieties and worries, particularly for any children who may require a little more support - for example at lunchtimes. Our emphasis, on return to school, will be on the safety, care and wellbeing of your child and they will be fully supported by familiar and nurturing staff. Please try not to spend your summer holiday worrying as we are all so excited you see you again and we cannot wait to have you all back in September - please be assured that your child will be very well looked after and they will largely remain within their year groups throughout the day.

Thank you all for your patience, support and well wishes during these last four months, it has been greatly appreciated by us all. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to my amazing staff at Rhosymedre, who have worked tirelessly during lockdown so that learning could still take place from a distance and for continuing to keep school open for Key Workers during Easter, half term and bank holidays. Their dedication and commitment to our school is outstanding. I am sure that you would like to join with me, in wishing them a well deserved rest, so that they are all fully charged and ready for the next stage in the 'new normal' for schools. We will endeavour to make school as normal as it can be for all, while still following the guidance and we will update you with further detail on our return to school in September.

We would like to wish you all a healthy and safe few weeks until we see you again.

Yours Sincerely,

E.Edwards (Headteacher)

