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UPDATE to PARENTS & CARERS 30th August 2020

The summer holidays are nearly over and I am sure that like the staff at school, you have been mindful of September and the Autumn term creeping up on you. Whilst it very much feels like a new start and getting back to normal with the worst of the pandemic behind us (hopefully) we are still taking significant precautions and ensuring our Health & Safety measures are appropriate and meet the guidelines set out by the Welsh Government. This is back to school but back to a new normal and therefore staff, parents and pupils must not assume that things that were in place before March 2020 will be in place in September 2020!

Kirsty Williams stated at the end of the summer term that all children are to return to school (where possible) by 14th September 2020 following a two-day slot for all staff to prepare the school. Therefore, the time frame for September will be as detailed below – if you are unsure when your child is meant to come back to school then please text 07530 152382 with your child’s full name and I will get back to you by the end of the day OR ring school on 01267 235001 where Mrs Phillips or Mrs Morris will be able to help you. I have highlighted some key points you need to note in preparation BUT I have a Head’s Briefing on Tuesday afternoon where I am sure that further information from both the Welsh Government and the Local Authority will be shared. If this is the case then I will update you accordingly.

We look forward to welcoming your children in September 2020 and very much look forward to getting back to a semblance of normality.

Kind regards,

Helen Luff ~ Headteacher

& all the Staff and Governors of Ysgol Parc Waundew

RETURN ARRANGEMENTS:

WEEK 1: Mon 31 st Aug	Tues 1 st Sept	Wed 2 nd Sept	Thurs 3 rd Sept	Fri 4 th Sept
Bank Holiday Monday	School closed to pupils	School closed to pupils	School closed to pupils. Parent / teacher meetings with selected parents	9-11am PT Nursery a.m. 1-3pm PT Nursery p.m. All Year 3 All Year 6
WEEK 2: Mon 7 th Sept	Tues 8 th Sept	Wed 9 th Sept	Thurs 10 th Sept	Fri 11 th Sept
PT Nursery FT Nursery All of Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 ½ of Year 1*	PT Nursery FT Nursery All of Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 ½ of Year 1* All Reception pupils	All pupils in for their usual times	All pupils in for their usual times	All pupils in for their usual times

* Parents were informed over the summer holidays which children are due in when – if you are still unsure please get in touch.



KEY POINTS TO NOTE:

- ALL pupils need to have the Health Questionnaire completed before starting back at school. Mr Cooper will send this electronically once a week and parents are asked to inform us daily of any changes to this.
- ALL Parents need to inform the school immediately if their child or a member of the household shows Covid-19 symptoms OR is diagnosed with Covid-19.
- No parents are allowed in the school building without a prior appointment. Wherever possible we will discuss matters by phone or via video call. When contacting school with a query, the office staff will try to help you wherever they can and they may therefore ask why you need to speak to me, Senior staff, teachers or TAs. They are not being nose-y but merely trying to ensure the right person gets back to you as soon as possible. We hope you appreciate the need for this.
- Children are to wear fresh, clean school uniform each day please. NO PE KIT yet please. You will be informed when it is needed.
- All children (apart from part-time pupils) need to bring in packed lunch which will be eaten in their classroom. Lunchtime staff will be on hand to support with sanitising of tables and hand washing etc.
- Children should not bring in any items to school other than a coat and their lunch. Children do NOT need to bring in water bottles – we have arrangements in school for water for pupils.
- ALL children (including the children attending the Unit) need to be dropped off at the main school entrance in Priory Street. Please bring your child to the small gate at the bottom of the school path leading up to the Reception. Staff will be on hand to collect the young children to take them to class.
- Do NOT bring or send in your children to school before 8.40am as staff will be in daily briefings until this time and will not be available for supervision. We also do not wish parents and their children to queue but to respect the social distancing measures in place.
- Pick up will be from the Key Stage 2 playground at the back of the school –the side gate from the public car park will also be open (in order to ease parking arrangements) as well as the rear gates from Richmond Terrace. However, please note that we will still be operating a one-way system as there is insufficient distance to pass safely between the field wall in the KS2 playground and the Flying Start gates, therefore ALL parents and children will be asked to leave via the Richmond Terrace gates. Once we are allowed to cease this arrangement we will, and you will be informed.
- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** *Our Breakfast Club starts on 9th September at 8am* but please note the following information: There is no catering on site until AT LEAST the 14th September. Therefore, whilst school will be open for children to attend Breakfast Club if parents are working, there will no actual breakfast for them so please ensure they are fed before leaving home. We would encourage parents to only use this facility if absolutely necessary in order to avoid over mixing between children from different classes. If we are aware that a parent does not work then we may challenge you as to why you are sending your child to Breakfast Club. Children will be asked to sit quietly 2m apart in Breakfast Club until teachers can invite them into their class.
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** *Our Youth Club and Clwb Cwl starts on 7th September and the usual procedures apply.* There is a charge for both of these after school clubs. The After-School Club brochure will be sent to you electronically next week. We are trying to stop sending any paper correspondence home with children at present.