



Newsletter



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Autumn Term 2020 - a new norm

1/10/20



Letters

We are unable to send out letters and forms for you to complete. You will be getting forms to complete via text. I apologise that you will be getting a few of these very soon. We just need to ensure that we have all details for your children. Please could you help us out by checking your texts and submitting any forms we send. Any important information for parents will come through to you via text now so please keep a check. I apologise if your phone keeps pinging! I know - I can be a nag!

Breakfast club

We are changing the organisation of breakfast club as it did not work out successfully this week. Parents who need breakfast club will be contacted weekly to ensure we know what days you need to bring your children in before the start of the school day. These children will come into school between 8.20am and 8.30am. At 8.40am the kitchen staff will deliver toast and fruit to all classes within the school. When your child comes into school at their designated time they will be able to have breakfast also in class with their friends. We think this will resolve the problems we encountered this week. Any queries just ring the school or text the school mobile. General questions can also be answered on Facebook.

Communication with school

We have tried to set up lots of ways for you to contact us.
 School number (see above) - calls and you can leave messages
 School mobile (see above) - calls and you can text this number
 Website - parents section - ask a question
 Facebook - post your comments, share your news, ask a general question
 email school (see above)
 Email teacher (if it is about your child's work)

The school mobile is currently on 24 hours every day of the week just in case we have an urgent query regarding covid.

Outside the school gates

We feel that the drop off and pick up system is now working well and running smoothly. The waiting area on the other pavement is working well and people are able to social distance far more easily now. Thank you so much for helping us with this! Please use a face covering if you feel that you are unable to keep 2m apart.

Try not to wait on the road or use the road for passing others. I wouldn't like to see anyone being injured by a passing vehicle.

Keep Going

Everyone is feeling tired and all the new rules are wearing people out. We all feel the same. Please keep going though and try to remember that it is these habits that will help us fight the battle of this virus.

Just 2 easy rules:

- **Keep up the good hygiene (hand washing, sanitizing)**
- **Stay 2m apart from others**

Hand washing and dry hands

As you know the children are washing hands regularly in class. We have even bought portable wash units for classes without sinks! Children have good soap and when needed they can also use hand sanitiser. If you are finding that your child's hands are feeling dry, this is because they are not used to the amount of washing and the problem should settle down. The children wash their hands when they come into school, after playtimes, after using the toilet and also before lunch.

Medication

Make sure you have completed the form for your child's health needs. We need all parents to complete the form please.

If your child does require medication in school time it will need to be prescribed medication and forms will need to be completed.

Nursery children, Year 6 children - please read.

In September 2021 Nursery children will be starting full time school and year 6 children will be starting a new school.

Which school are they going to?

You will need to apply.

Applications go live on October 5th and close on November 27th.

We will text out the letters for you so you know how to apply.

Jobs

Neath Port Talbot council are looking for people who would be interested in working with the catering or cleaning team. They are looking for temporary cover for members of staff that are having to self isolate. Anyone interested will have the appropriate training and any necessary checks. If you are interested let me (Louise Jefford) know and I will pass your details on to the managers of both these teams.

Covid symptoms? What do I do?

I sent this to parents last week. Here is the link again to save you searching.

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Lunches

I believe that the organisation of lunches is working well and the children are enjoying having their lunch delivered to them! We will have to get 'DELIVEROO' uniforms for the kitchen staff I think! The catering staff have prepared the menus to ensure the children are getting a balance of foods for a healthy diet. If you are providing a packed lunch for your child and you would like help in preparing their meals there are lots of ideas on the 'Appetite For Life' government website. Click here to see leaflet.

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-02/healthy-lunchboxes-leaflet.pdf>

Lunch arrangements!!
Please note
Starts next week

Things to remember

We do understand there are so many changes it can be hard to keep up! Here is a simple list that really helps school stay safe and will keep school open and your child happy and learning.

- drinks for your child for the day
- Lunch in plastic wipeable bags or disposable bags
- Good hand hygiene for EVERYONE.
- Social distancing outside school gates
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Prepare

The end of day handover is the trickiest time and we know what to prepare for — — RAIN!

We are aware that this will be frustrating for you having to wait in a social distance queue. We will do our very best to get the children out as quickly as we can but always putting safety first.

We suggest a good waterproof coat and an umbrella. So let's get ready and not let the weather get us down. We have coped with rain for years. Coronavirus is far more dangerous than rain so safety first.