



# Newsletter



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## Autumn Term 2020 - a new norm 16/10/20



**Parent meetings**  
At this time of year parents have an appointment with the class teacher to talk about their child's progress in school. COVID will not stop us getting this information to you!

1. We will send you a report via your child's HWB account.
2. You will send us information about their learning at home.
3. You will be offered an opportunity to discuss both forms. This conversation will take place via telephone or Teams video call.

**Half term**  
**Is it one week or two?**  
At the moment it is one week 26th - 30th. However, there is consideration for a 'circuit break' which could mean that the children stay home for an additional week. As soon as we hear anything we will let you know immediately so you can plan! If the children are at home for an additional week, home learning will be placed onto your child's HWB account as it has been each week since we have reopened. Hopefully, school will be open again after one week! Fingers crossed. We certainly do not want to close again!

**Test Trace & Protect Information for parents**  
Click on this link below.  
[https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/jeffordl1\\_hwbcymru\\_net/EUqxRotEeCRHhDxtD0h\\_FWIBTYAI7q0E75GGcihTP51kIA?e=wXnwUf](https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/jeffordl1_hwbcymru_net/EUqxRotEeCRHhDxtD0h_FWIBTYAI7q0E75GGcihTP51kIA?e=wXnwUf)

**Don't send your child to school if they have covid symptoms.**  
Click on this link below.  
[https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/jeffordl1\\_hwbcymru\\_net/ER4CL3MPKtpJhwi8YnLRmOoBoC6GkC6SyhdZxJIYHZjiFQ?e=ZSdbWl](https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/jeffordl1_hwbcymru_net/ER4CL3MPKtpJhwi8YnLRmOoBoC6GkC6SyhdZxJIYHZjiFQ?e=ZSdbWl)

**TIK TOC**  
We advise you strongly that this app is NOT appropriate for primary school children to use unsupervised! There is a lot of adult material on there!

## Progress

Our school focus when we reopened was to firstly check in on the children's well being. It was good to see them so happy to be back! We then looked at the children's basic skills of reading, writing and maths to see where they are as they have missed so much school. Since then, we are seeing huge amounts of progress with many of the children. Many parents have commented on the progress you see at home too and how much the children are happy to be back! Great news for everyone!

This is so positive and we do not want to see school close and we do not want any class to have to isolate as it has been in many schools within Neath Port Talbot. We can do something to prevent this! Please please please help us to prevent school or classes closing. It is easy and short term...

- Follow the Welsh government rules
- Keep a distance from those not in your household
- Ensure your children do not socialise indoors with other households
- Keep your hands clean and away from your face
- Use a face covering when in public
- Keep to the 2m distance rule.

Keep your HANDS clean.... Wear a FACE covering....Keep a 2m SPACE

HANDS.....FACE.....SPACE

## **What to do if your child needs to self isolate.**

Click on the link below

[https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/jeffordl1\\_hwbcymru\\_net/EZi3BrEmGNNAg-foZM0TEHIBTqfBu\\_UJBir\\_ASuq7C4Mw?e=VjePLP](https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/jeffordl1_hwbcymru_net/EZi3BrEmGNNAg-foZM0TEHIBTqfBu_UJBir_ASuq7C4Mw?e=VjePLP)

Once again thank you for all your help and support in keeping the school safe for the children and all our families. Another week passes by and thankfully we can say we have had no positive cases of Covid. Hand hygiene and sanitizing surfaces has been a priority for us and we thank you all for ensuring that there is social distancing outside the school gates to protect each other.

## **Covid symptoms? What do I do?**

[https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/jeffordl1\\_hwbcymru\\_net/EacFvPfORNxNjfcgO38Q1nMBxZDjUA6LFmEN2LRDUm2Smw?e=0N7EHN](https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/jeffordl1_hwbcymru_net/EacFvPfORNxNjfcgO38Q1nMBxZDjUA6LFmEN2LRDUm2Smw?e=0N7EHN)

### **School photos**

We made some enquiries and have made the decision that professional school photos will not be sold this year. We looked at the risks it posed for covid and we felt that it posed too high a risk having these visitors into the school.