



Newsletter



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Autumn Term 2020 - a new norm 9/10/20

Text forms

Procedure are new so hopefully this will help. We cannot send paper out so everything is being done through online forms.

What forms should I be filling in every week?

- the dinner / school lunch form - so we know who is having what, so we sort supervision and food order
- the breakfast club one (only if you have requested breakfast club) - to book in the days you want for the following week.

What forms will I need to complete as a one off for the year?

- medical needs - if your child has or hasn't got any health conditions
- years 5 & 6 - if you need your child to walk home alone (parent responsibility)

Why can't school just send out forms as normal now schools are back?

- we have to try and keep as covid safe as possible
- as we are still uncertain how covid is spread, we are minimising the amount of shared contact on any surface
- electronic copies are more confidential than paper copies

There are more forms coming your way but they are one off. I will send reminders if they have not been completed. This method is here to stay so please keep a check on your text messages from school.

Covid symptoms? What do I do?

I sent this to parents two weeks ago. Here is the link again to save you searching.

https://hwbwave15-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/jeffordl1_hwbcmru_net/EacFvPfORNxNjfcgO38Q1nMBxZDjUA6LFmEN2LRDUm2Smw?e=0N7EHN

Keeping parents informed

Understandably, we do have queries about any concerns that are related to covid -19 and we are happy to answer your questions if we can. We cannot talk about any individual people but we do understand that sometimes it is the not knowing that is the worry. Hopefully this will help you understand how we manage in school.

Our procedures are as follows

- if a child displays a POSSIBLE covid symptom, the child is removed from the class immediately and isolated with the first aider who is prepared with PPE.
- we always 'air on the side of caution'
- other children in the class are moved outside so that the classroom can be sanitised
- the classroom is sanitised using a product that kills the coronavirus
- parents of the symptomatic child are informed to collect and the child is handed over to parent outside the school
- parent is asked to take their child for a test and to isolate according to track and trace advice.
- the child does not return to school until we receive a negative result or they isolate for 14 days.
- if a member of staff displays symptoms then they are sent home immediately and the same procedures apply for sanitising areas within school
- the member of staff is sent for testing and cannot return unless they receive a negative test result.
- if there is a member of the family (in close contact) that have tested positive, the child or staff member of that family will need to isolate for 14 days.

Please be assured that if we have a positive result in school, the whole class bubble will be informed immediately via a text letter. All parents will be informed of the current situation in school. You may have already seen this happening at schools that are currently dealing with positive cases.

Are you at home with your child having to do home learning?

This is what school have in place.

Every teacher sends out the weekly learning plans to parents.

The teacher includes the lesson along with the task that the child should complete. Please do not fret! Parents will NOT be expected to 'teach' the lesson - we will do this for you via the links you receive.

Your child sends their teacher the completed work via email. The work is marked and assessed by the teacher.

It is also important that you keep in contact with the class teacher regarding the home learning to ensure we can adjust if your child's learning needs differ from their chronological age.

Absences from school

If your child is absent from school please let us know. Why?

- so we know they are safe and well
- so we can explain to the attendance officer
- so we can code our registers properly for the local authority!

Staff safety and well being **This is a plea for your support**

Our school staff are now in a vulnerable position. Cases of coronavirus are increasing, hence our local lockdown. Staff are now in close contact with a number of families on a day to day basis. We have to trust that you as families will adhere to the government guidelines to ensure the spread of the virus is at a minimum risk for school. Households must not mix with different households and everyone should adhere to social distancing. It is with great worry for us that we receive information that families are not adhering to the government guideline to help prevent the spread of the virus.

In an attempt to protect our staff, you will notice that they will be wearing a face mask / visor. If you are in conversation with a member of staff, we now ask that you too wear a face covering to protect staff. We need the staff to keep the school open!! Please respect their personal space.

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.

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.

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.

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.