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Dear Parents,

We need your support to help us keep everybody as safe as we can. We have new information from WCBC today, so please read the measures below so that we can work together to provide the safest and best environment for our children.

1). Any Covid19 Symptoms:

If your child shows any symptoms of covid19, please keep them at home and take advice from the medical services, because children can show different symptoms to adults. Please apply for a test by calling 119 between the hours of 7am-11pm. If you have hearing or speech difficulties please call 18001119 to book a test.

We require children with any of the symptoms to have a negative covid19 test before they return to school.

Should your child display any symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated with a member of staff nearby for support. You will be contacted to come and collect your child immediately, so please ensure that you have an emergency plan in place, in case it is necessary.

2). Contact with someone with Covid19:

If your child has been in contact with someone with covid19, they need to self-isolate at home for 14 days and wait to be contacted by track & trace. If your child has a negative test result, they must still stay away from school for the 14 days because they have had contact with a confirmed case.

3). Common cold:

Children who have a common cold will not be isolated from school. However, where there is any possibility that the symptoms are more than a common cold, please take advice, as detailed in 1). Above.

Sandwiches/Packed lunches:

Please keep sandwiches simple and as disposable as possible. Drinks bottles or yoghurt pots/sachets that leak and spill over everyone else's lunch or down the corridor are a health risk that we need to avoid. Children are to bring bottles and packets that they can open themselves. Please avoid packing cutlery that can be dropped, fall out of lunch boxes and so on. School dinners are using disposable crockery and cutlery, so if your child needs cutlery with their packed lunch, please make it disposable. Fruit: please could satsumas be pre-peeled and apples pre-sliced, if necessary. Please could sandwiches be brought to school in disposable bags, to keep home-school-home items to a minimum. One parent has suggested using the WCBC food composting bags for sandwiches; if you need more just tie one round your food bin and WCBC will supply you with more.

No Drinks Bottles:

A number of parents have queried the ruling on drinks bottles:

We have a drinks fountain with a clean cup for each child every time they need a drink. The button on the drinks fountain is cleaned with an antibacterial solution in the morning, at lunchtime and in the afternoon.

Drinks bottles are a possible source of contamination because the child puts their mouth on their drinks bottle, they touch their bottle, they then put their hands on the door handle etc. Drinks

bottles that have had mouths on them which are stored on tables, that we have 2 children sitting at, are frequently knocked over and leak.

Drinks bottles that have had mouths on also get dribbled down corridors as the children do go and re-fill them at the water fountain. We would then have water bottles that the children have drunk from, being filled up at a communal water fountain, spreading a possible source of contamination.

The cups are used once and thrown in the bin. When a child needs another drink, they use a fresh cup. The wall-mounted, automatic hand sanitizer units are next to the water fountain, at the entrance to every classroom. The children are told to sanitize their hands before they get a cup and a drink.

The children do have access on demand to clean water, as safely as we can possibly make it.

Equipment:

Children will not need pencil cases, toys, cuddlies etc. Please make sure that these are left at home. Please keep school bags at home for the time being, to keep the home-school-home contact to a minimum.

The no jewellery policy will be strictly adhered to, only plain earrings are permitted. Beads, jewellery with stones in and such like can harbour dirt, bacteria and viruses, so please leave these at home.

If, on arrival at school, your child becomes distressed, please don't worry. Keep things stress-free, take them home again. Calm them down, wipe them down and change clothes if necessary. Contact us at school and we will arrange a return to school plan with you.

Face Masks:

Staff will be wearing face masks or visors, especially if someone requires first aid or becomes unwell. The children will have seen people in shops, out and about, in face masks or visors, so they are becoming, "the new normal." The current guidance from Public Health Wales is that primary aged pupils do not wear masks in school. If you feel that your child needs to wear a mask, please contact me first at:

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Thank you for your continued support; it is very much appreciated,

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