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Dear Parents & Guardians

Welsh Government have asked all to school to re-open for Foundation Phase Pupils from the week commencing Monday the 22nd of February (first week after half term). Key Stage Two Pupils will continue with home learning for the next few weeks.

To simplify arrangements I will attempt to cover all questions that you may have below.

Foundation Phase Times & Entrances (Nursery, Reception, Year's 1&2)

School will re-open on Monday 22nd February with the following staggered times:

Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/Exit
Nursery (Miss Curtis)	9.00am	3.20pm	Nursery Side Gate
Reception Class (Mrs Hawkins)	8.50am	3.20pm	Church Entrance (Reception Class Side Gate)
Year 1 (Miss Isaac)	9.00am	3.30pm	Church Entrance (Foundation Phase Double Doors)
Year 2 (Mrs Evans)	8.40am	3.10pm	Church Entrance (Foundation Phase Double Doors)

School Meals

The school kitchen will be open from Monday 22nd of February and will be offering a range of hot meals for all Foundation Phase Pupils (£2.34 via Parent Pay).

Infection Control

Foundation Phase Classes will all operate as individual bubbles with staggered break and lunchtimes. Additional cleaning staff will continuously disinfect all surfaces throughout the school day and pupils will use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving classes.

Staff will be provided with fluid resistant surgical masks, for instances when two metre social distancing cannot be maintained and will be tested twice per week.

Foundation Phase Distance/Blended Learning

As school will be open for all Foundation Phase Pupils from Monday 22nd February, then distance/blended learning will cease from this point and revert to face to face learning.

Nursery Pupils (Rising 3's)

Pupils who were due to start Nursery from January, are invited to attend school from Tuesday 23rd February.

Key Stage Two Pupils

School will remain closed for Key Stage Two Pupils for the foreseeable future. Key Stage Two Staff will continue to provide distance/blended learning for pupils working from home. I will notify parents as soon as the Welsh Government eases restrictions for this age group.

Key Worker Hub

The existing Key Worker Hub will continue to operate for Key Stage Two Pupils. Parents are asked to continue to use the office entrance and sign in and out at the beginning and end of the school day. Hub Pupils are welcome to order hot meals, if required.

From the 22nd of February we have been asked to ensure that Hub times align with Foundation Phase, so the Hub will open at 9.00am and close at 3.30pm. Parents experiencing difficulty with the change in times are asked to contact the school office and we will make every effort to help out.

School Transport

School transport will be reinstated from Monday 22nd February for all Foundation Phase and Hub Pupils. This service is used by a minority of pupils and we ask parents to provide a face mask for pupils travelling on the bus.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ring me at school.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards

Tim Baxter
Pennaeth / Head Teacher

