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Preparations implemented to open the school for 'Check in' days

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Firstly can I thank you very much for your fantastic support and co-operation during the last three months. For certain, it is still a very worrying and challenging time for us all as we plan to open the school on June 29th 2020 in accordance with Welsh Government. Despite the challenges, we are very much looking forward to seeing the children returning to school life, which will be different to what we have been used to prior to the outbreak.

Between 29/6/20 and 24/7/20, we will be having a 'Check in' trial system with the children. Not all pupils will be able to attend at the same time nor will they be able to attend for the whole school week due to the restrictions imposed on the school's capacity. I can assure you, what steers all of this is the safety of all children, staff and you as parents. It is important to note that we cannot ignore the risks as stated in the Welsh Assembly guidelines '*In Primary schools, we recognize that it is not practicable to expect learners to maintain consistent social distancing of two metres*'. However, I can assure you that the safety arrangements are based on robust Risk Assessments by the County who will be checking that everything is in place before the school re opens.

The arrangements that are going to be implemented will adhere strictly to Welsh Government rules and guidelines and advice from the County's Education Department. **More details will follow during the week on our planning processes by following the guidelines. We will also inform you of school opening and closing times and arrangements for each year groups.**

We will work purposefully and creatively in order to provide the support that all our pupils need. During these 'check in' sessions we will be discussing Distant Learning, solving problems which have arisen and of course the well-being of all our pupils which will continue into the Autumn term. There will be a balance of 'learning at school' and 'learning from distance'. I am aware that many of you are unsure of the decision of whether or not to send your child back to school. As staff, we respect your decision whatever it may be.

- **Childcare** - for key worker children who have been attending the Hub schools between 23/3/20 and 26/6/20 and the children of school staff who are returning to work on the 29/6/20. This will be in school between 8 am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday
- **There will be whole day sessions for 'Check in' for years 3,4 5 and 6 during the first fortnight between 9 am and 3pm from Monday to Thursday. These will be separate for each year group on different days.**
- Foundation Phase children, that is Mrs Price, Mrs Thomas and Miss Lewis's class will be able to 'check in' during the third week.
- The children will be taught in small groups
- The arrival and leaving time in school will be different for groups of pupils
- Distant Learning will continue
- There will be no Breakfast Club and no school dinner will be provided. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch and snacks.
- Pupils will not be able to bring in items from home apart from their food.
- There will be a one -way system in and out of the school with clear signs and information.

- The pupils will wash their hands as soon as they arrive in school and frequently during the day
- PPE will be available for all staff and every member of staff will be briefed on personal hygiene and social distancing
- There is no need for the pupils to wear school uniform. The advice is to wash the clothes daily after the child has arrived home.
- The pupils will spend a lot of time doing outside activities, so trainers and PE clothes would be ideal and comfortable
- Parents will not be able to enter the school

We will be producing a video to communicate and share the arrangements with you and the children on Twitter and Facebook to alleviate any concerns that you may have. I am confident that these robust preparations and arrangements that are being implemented will ease the concerns and aid the process in bringing your child back to school safely.

More details will follow regarding arrangements for returning to school.

Thank you once again for your support and co-operation during this difficult time.

Best wishes and keep staying safe,

Beverley Owen.