

21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## COVID-19 and Track, Trace and Protect update advice

- If your child has a high temperature, new persistent cough (dry) or has lost the ability to taste or smell it is important that you do not send your child to school.
- Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) are not suitable to use with pupils under 11 years of age, therefore if your child has one of the three main symptoms you will need to arrange a PCR test by phoning 119 or by following the links on the GOV.UK website.
- If your child tests positive can you, please continue to contact the school at your earliest convenience. The details we require are a) if symptomatic the first day that the symptoms started, b) the date of the test and c) on which date you were informed of the positive test result. We would also like to be informed if the test comes back as being negative.
- If you choose **not** to complete a **PCR test** for your symptomatic child, **your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days**.
- Everyone who tests positive for coronavirus or has symptoms must continue to isolate for 10 days whether they have been vaccinated or not.
- It is recommended that everyone identified as a close contact, whether they are vaccinated or not, undertakes a PCR test on day 2 and day 8 following their exposure to a positive case.
- It is still strongly recommended that all visitors to the school wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM/CLOTHING REMINDER

I'd like to again remind all parents to **please** clearly **label all items** of **school uniform and other belongings**. Problems have already arisen with new items of clothing having been mislaid or taken home by other children by mistake.

Please check that your child has brought home the correct clothing and try to ensure that they don't leave coats/uniform in school overnight.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Half Term -	Break up 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 –
Holiday	Recommence School 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
Christmas Holidays -	Break up 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 Recommence School 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Spring Half Term	- Break up 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Holiday	Recommence School 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022

- Easter Holidays Break up 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Recommence School 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Summer Half Term - Break up 27th May 2022
- Holidays Recommence School 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Summer Holidays Break up 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## INSET DAYS

<u>Autumn Term 2021</u>

1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Spring Term 2022

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Summer Term 2022

25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

<u>Bank Holidays</u>

May Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 Queen's Jubilee (Carmarthenshire Schools) – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Many thanks for your continued co-operation during these challenging times,

Yours sincerely,

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