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Dear Parents,

Following the successful return to school of Foundation Phase on the 22nd February, Welsh Government confirmed on Monday that Years 3 to 6 will return on Monday 15th March. We hope you and your children are as excited about this announcement as we are.

We want to reassure you that we are following the Welsh Government's latest guidance for the safe reopening of schools. Whilst we cannot guarantee to eliminate all risk, we have robust procedures in place to mitigate the risk of contracting Covid-19 in school. Hand washing/sanitising, wearing masks, ventilating classrooms and keeping our distance is something that we are now very used to doing. We continue to keep our groups as small as possible whilst still being able to function as a school.

Primary schools closed to help reduce community transmission not because they were unsafe. Minister for Education's open letter on February 5th reminds us all that this is a very cautious step and not a relaxing of the rest of the rules.

'In order to keep transmission low as we take cautious first steps we will work with local authorities and our unions to reinforce Keep Wales Safe messages so that parents/carers continue to be vigilant including socially distanced behaviour at school gates, not permitting sleep overs or other household mixing outside of school, and not sending children to school if they have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.'

Attached is the letter from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board previously sent at the start of half term. We sincerely hope community transmission remains low, and this is the very last time we have to close the entire school. Please help us to keep our community safe by following the Welsh Government's guidance in and around the school area.

We ask that:

- Only **ONE** family member drops off and picks up.
 - Leave the area immediately your child is on the schoolyard and lined up with their teacher.
- Please do not wait for the class to go in off the yard.**
- Wear a mask when dropping off/picking up.
 - Keep a minimum of 2m between yourselves and any other families at all times.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Loss of taste/smell
- High temperature
- A new continuous cough

If your child develops any of these whilst in school, we will contact you to come and collect them.

Drop off and pick up arrangements remain the same. Please remember that children should only bring a lunch box, snack, water bottle and coat to school. They should not bring school bags, PE kit, toys, etc from home. Children can wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.

PE Days

Y3WF	Monday
Y3C	Wednesday
Y4W	Wednesday
Y5J	Tuesday
Y5/6 G	Thursday
Y6 J	Tuesday

A few dates for your diary for the rest of this half term:

Wednesday 17th March - Y5 Playmakers Event (All Y5 learners to wear PE Kit)

Friday 19th March – Wear red for Comic relief/Red Nose Day

Friday 26th March – Training Day

We cannot wait to have all our school family back together again.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email address, magorvprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk. Teaching staff will not be accessing hwb frequently as the children are all back.

Take care and see you all on Monday.

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