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Dear Parents,

As we begin our full return to school I hope this email finds you and your families well. We are really excited about starting the new term and returning to some form of normal.

Sadly we start the term saying goodbye to a valued member of our support staff, Miss Williams. We wish Miss Williams all the best in her new venture. We are delighted that Ms Guy, Miss Webster and Mrs Fox Pritchard have been appointed to our team as teachers in Y5/6, Y4 and Y3 respectively. Mr Walker is also joining our support staff.

School has been a hive of activity and we have been working hard to prepare for the safe return of all our pupils over the next few days and weeks. Our risk assessment has been reviewed and adapted for increased operations. The latest Welsh guidance allows for some relaxation of restrictions within schools, particularly with younger pupils. Many of the procedures we put in place in June will remain but will be monitored on a regular basis.

What we are keeping the same:

1. Children are not permitted to bring bags to school other than small lunch-bags and water bottles, everything else they need will be provided for them;
2. Children will have their own packs of pens/pencils etc;
3. Children will be dropped off and collected from the Junior Yard;
4. Parents will not be permitted to enter the school yard; if you need to talk to a member of staff, please either telephone the school office on 01633 880327 or e-mail us on [magorvprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:magorvprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk)
5. The main gates will be locked and only opened for buses;
6. Children will wash hands on entry to school and at various points throughout the day. Children are not permitted to bring hand sanitiser to school.
7. Children will enter/exit classrooms from designated doors.
8. Increased cleaning

What will be different:

9. Children can wear PE kit to school on their PE day. Please ensure that they wear the school PE uniform, navy jogging trousers and their school jumper/cardigan. There will be no PE the first week, your child's class teacher will let you know which day is their PE day.

10. Contact groups are larger, whole class for indoor learning and phase groups for outdoors e.g. break and lunch.

11. Lunchtimes and break times are staggered and will be in phase groups. This means these groups can mix when outside at break and lunch.

Phase groups: –

Group 1 Reception

Group 2 Year 1

Group 3 Year 2

Group 4 Year 3 and Year 4

Group 5 Year 5 and Year 6

Please be aware that as Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance changes and we review our risk assessments, procedures will undoubtedly change.

### **Covid-19 symptoms - The school follows Public Health Wales advice regarding staff and children displaying symptoms.**

**Any child who has symptoms or who is tested positive for COVID-19, or who has someone in their household who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19, must not attend school. Under no circumstances should a child attend school if they:**

- feel unwell with any of the identified COVID-19 symptoms. They should remain at home and self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test
- have tested positive for COVID-19
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for COVID-19.

Any child the school deems to be displaying symptoms during the school day will be isolated under supervision, until a parent comes to collect them. The child should stay at home and begin to self-isolate while making arrangements to be tested.

### **School Day**

The timings for the start and end of the school day are back to normal. Guidance states that the biggest risk to transmission of Covid-19 is adult to adult, please ensure you continue to social distance when dropping off and collecting your child.

### **Parking**

We have been asked by the Community Council to make you aware of the implications of changes to parking availability in the village over the Summer. Where possible please can you consider walking to and from school. If you need to drive, there are 4 car parks within the village: Sycamore Terrace, Withy Walk, Behind the Church and Three Field. Please park considerately.

### **Breakfast Club**

There is no breakfast club facility at present. As we have previously had around 100 pupils per day attending breakfast club we are currently unable to ensure contact groups are not mixing with other contact groups. This provision is under review and as soon as we are able to safely re-open we will let you know.

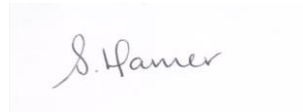
Quarantine

Please ensure you follow Government guidance on overseas travel and quarantine rules.

We look forward to seeing you all over the next few days. Thank you for your continued support.

Take care, stay safe!

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