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Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you are all safe and well. We would like to share the information regarding the planned reopening of school to our Foundation Phase pupils after half term.

As I'm sure you will all appreciate Foundation Phase will not be returning to 'normal' in February but rather 'The New Normal'. This will still include continuing to adhere to strict risk assessments, policies and procedures in order to keep all pupils, parents and staff as safe as possible.

Below you will find an updated version of our re-opening plans for Foundation Phase after the February half term. Please be advised that these plans are subject to amendments depending on changes in regulations from the Welsh Government and the Local Authority. You will be made aware of any amendments prior to your children returning to school.

Yesterday, the Local Authority confirmed that Primary schools can take the first three days after the February half term (Monday 22nd February 2021, Tuesday 23rd February 2021 and Wednesday 24th February 2021) as 'Planning and Preparation' days. These days will be used to reorganise the learning spaces, update risk assessments and policies & procedures for the return of all Foundation Phase pupils.

From Thursday 25th February 2021 we will welcome back all Foundation Phase learners.

Remote learning for Foundation Phase will continue during the 22nd – 24th February 2021 and you will be provided with an updated learning placemat to cover these days. Registered Foundation Phase pupils can continue to attend the hub on these days.

Cohort	Bubble	Class Teachers
A	Nursery (Bumblebees)	Miss Jones
B	Reception (Bats and Foxes)	Mrs Arnold and Mrs Lang
C	Year 1 (Badgers and Woodpeckers)	Mrs Evans and Mr Carrett
D	Year 2 (Barn Owls and Moles)	Miss Williams and Miss Busby/Mrs Otterstead

Cohort	Bubble	Start Time	Lunch Time	End Time
A	Bumblebees am	08.45		11.15
	Bumblebees pm	12.15		14.45
B	Bats	9:00	11:15 – 11:45	15:00
	Foxes	9:15		15:15
C	Badgers	9:00	11:15 – 11:45	15:00
	Woodpeckers	9:15		15:15
D	Barn Owls	9:00	11:55 – 12:25	15:00
	Moles	9:15		15:15

The Rising 3's will start in Nursery from the 8th March 2021. We will provide further details after half term.

The KS2 hub will continue as normal, as will the KS2 blended learning offer.

We await guidance from the Welsh Government regarding information about the reopening of our Key Stage 2 provision.

Face Coverings: All parents/carers must wear masks while on the school site. All staff will be wearing face masks both in and around school where 2m social distancing cannot be maintained.

Social Distancing: Parents/carers are reminded to maintain 2m social distancing from one another at all times. We ask that only one adult drops off and collect their child/children from the designated gates.

Hand Hygiene: Pupils and staff are expected to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser on entering the building and at regular intervals throughout the school day.

Breakfast Club and Lunchtimes: Breakfast Club will continue for all Hub pupils from 22nd February 2021. Foundation Phase pupils starting back on 25th February will need to bring a packed lunch and again on 26th February 2021. We are currently working with the LA to finalise breakfast club and lunch provision for Foundation Phase pupils after their return on 25th February and I will be in touch in due course.

I once again thank you and your children for the continued cooperation and support during the last few months. I wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing those of you returning in Foundation Phase on 25th February 2021.

Yours sincerely



L Sellars
Headteacher

M Ford
Chair of Governors