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Dear parent/carer,

This letter is available to listen to and add subtitles in a language of your choice via our YouTube channel. This can be found at: <https://youtu.be/IDIXL09UIdY>

Thank you

Again, another massive thank you for all parents who have been supporting the safe return to school. Your commitment to the staggered drop off/pick up times, social distancing and keeping cars away from the school has been greatly appreciated. Every little thing we can all do, helps keep the children safe. **No child must attend school and will not be admitted if they or anyone in their household has symptoms of Covid19 or is awaiting the results of a test. This is essential to keep everyone safe and you will be expected to confirm this with us when you drop off your child.**

## Masks for adults when picking up and dropping off from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Due to rising cases of Covid19 in the community, we as a school have decided that in order to further protect the children, parents and staff, that all parents will now be required to wear a mask when entering the school site. This means that when dropping off or picking up your child and when entering the school premises for any reason you will be required to wear a mask. Those with medical conditions that make them exempt from wearing a mask will not have to do so. Proof of your medical exemption will be required. **This will start from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

I'm sure you will support this decision as keeping everyone safe in these worrying times is the main aim for all of us. Staff will also be wearing a mask or visor when on the yard. **The requirements include anyone over the age of 11 unless they are a pupil of our school.**



## Children in Need Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

There are many things we cannot do in school at present due to the Covid19 restrictions. However, one thing we can do is have some fun whilst raising some money for the annual BBC Children in Need appeal. The children have put forward many ideas for this day. The children can come dressed in non-uniform. This might be in their pyjamas, in fancy dress, wearing odd socks, with crazy hair or in any way they wish. There will be quizzes, games and competitions during the day for the children to take part in. We ask for a donation of £1 for this day which will be given to the Children in Need appeal.

## INSET days

The school will be closed for pupils on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for INSET (Staff training) days.

## Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Helpline

Below is some information that some parents might find useful:

The BAME Helpline has been running since early September.

BAME people have been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19. This new helpline delivered by EYST, Women Connect First, Henna Foundation, ProMo Cymru and Wales TUC aims to offer a first port of call to individuals from BAME backgrounds.

- The helpline is running initially as a 6 month pilot funded by Welsh Government via the voluntary sector emergency fund.
- It is a multi-lingual helpline, between them the team speak 11 languages and interpretation can be arranged into other languages as required.
- Info is available relating to: health, work, welfare, education, housing; and personal safety.
- Helpline is available Mon-Fri 10.30am-2.30 pm
- Helpline number - 0300 2225720 (Local Rate calls)
- SMS text number - 07537 432416
- Website - [www.bame.wales](http://www.bame.wales)
- Email [bamehelpline@eyst.org.uk](mailto:bamehelpline@eyst.org.uk)

## Important dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, school closes for the 2 week Christmas holiday

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – school closed for pupils (INSET days)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – school closed for pupils (INSET day)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – school starts back for all pupils after the holidays

Stay safe,

Mr. M. S. Thompson  
Headteacher

