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Dear parents,

We hope you enjoyed the summer holiday. Information about reopening the school was shared with you in July. There have been no major changes since the Government published the new guidance for schools. The overriding principle is to reduce the number of contacts between learners and staff and of course continue to emphasize the importance of hygiene. **We ask for your cooperation in adhering to social distancing guidelines while collecting your child at the end of the day.** Here are a few points we would like to emphasize: -

**1) Employees / learners or parents / carers who are feeling ill / showing the symptoms of Covid-19 should not go to / visit the school. Anyone displaying symptoms should stay home for 10 days (instead of 7). Anyone living with someone who shows symptoms should stay home for 14 days from the first day the person becomes ill.**

2) A hot lunch will be provided and the pupils will eat lunch in the classrooms. **We will not be able to receive money so please use the online system to make payments.**

**3) The current arrangements regarding pupils on free school meals will end on the 11th of September. Up until then, payment will need to be made on line.**

4) **If your child needs to access the breakfast or after school club, it is now necessary to book a place before hand for both clubs.** **We ask you to use the clubs if it is not possible to make other childcare arrangements.** A link to book a place will be sent on the school app at the end of the week. **Again, we will not be able to receive money so please use the online system to make payments.**

5) Writing equipment will have been provided for the pupils, so they will not need to bring equipment into the school.

6) Additional cleaning measures put in place before the summer will continue.

7) Pupils will need to wear school uniform. If you have ordered a school uniform, then phone the school or email to see if the order has arrived. Online payment is required for the order.

8) Pupils will need to bring their own healthy break food until the 11th of September.

9) If you would like to talk about your child with a member of staff, you will need to do this over the phone.

10) If there are any changes regarding the medical needs of your child, could you please contact the school office.

11) Pupil drop off / pick up arrangements – a reminder:-

Start / finish times

In order to try and limit the numbers on the site, we will continue with arrangements for dropping off and picking up pupils which has been in place since the 29th June**. Separate drop-off / pick-up entrance arrangements for the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 will continue.** Parents will need to drop and pick the pupils at both entrances, rather than going to the playground. Please do not park in the drop off zones. You may be able to drop your child between 8:35 and 8:55 in the morning. At the end of the day there will be specific times for specific years

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 Between 2:45 and 3:00

Years 5 and 6 Between 3:00 and 3:15

Reception Class Between 2:40 and 2:45

We will monitor these arrangements and adjust if necessary. We will keep you informed of any changes, but encourage you if you have children in Years 1 or 2 and 3 or 4 to collect your children at 2:45 to reduce the number of cars on site, and to come at the end of the period if there is no other sibling in those years. If possible, we would encourage walking to school.

12) There will be no after school clubs or any large gathering event such as parents' evenings, concerts at present.

We will obviously review the measures / arrangements to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. As you know, by the 14th of September, the expectation is that all pupils will return to school. If you or your child have any concerns, we are happy to discuss and try to alleviate those concerns. We realize that the return to school can be difficult for some. We are really looking forward to welcoming all the pupils back to Bodhyfryd!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Nerys Davies