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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ AND SHARE WITH ALL ADULTS WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF BRINGING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL AND FOR COLLECTING FROM SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all parents/carers for the continued co-operation regarding the day to day arrangements. I appreciate that it continues to be an uncertain and difficult time for us all, and with the most recent lockdown arrangements for the local authority now in force, we all need to continue to ensure that we do everything we can to minimise the risks involved. As far as school arrangements are concerned, I would like to remind you of the following, and to continue to action the following for everyone's health and safety:

- Please remember not to arrive in school to drop off or collect no more than 5 minutes before the stated drop-off/pick-up times for your child (currently 8.55/3.00 – Yr.3-6 / 9.00/11.30 – nursery / 9.15/2.45 – Reception/Yr1&2)
- Please ensure that you inform the school if your child is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms (new cough / high temperature / loss of taste/smell)
- Please ensure that **only ONE parent/carer** enters the school yard when collecting the children, and to respect the health & safety of others by maintaining a safe distance from others.
- We would very much appreciate if parents/carers could ensure that their child/ren stay with you when dropping off and collecting, minimising mixing at close distance with other children and adults. The morning and afternoon are busy times, and although we have now put in place staggered start and end times, the car park continues to be busy, and our efforts to ensure the children remain within their specific classes during the day would be more effective if they could stay with parents and carers before entering school and after being released from class at the end of the day.
- Please continue to use the one-way system when collecting the children. Once your child has been released to you, please leave the school grounds immediately. Similarly, once you have dropped off your child in the morning, please leave the school car park immediately.
- Please remember that we are always willing to discuss your child's progress or any other matters which may need sharing with school. The staff continue to be available to do this, however for the health and safety of parents/carers and staff, we ask you to communicate through e-mailing the teacher or office, or through telephone, and avoid approaching the staff member to discuss on the school yard.
- The children should not bring any toys or items from home to school. They only require their packed lunch if they are not having school dinners.
- Please continue to encourage your child to regularly wash their hands. Your child may choose to bring his/her own hand sanitiser, or use the one provided in school. Your child may wish to wear a face covering, which is completely acceptable.

Illness / Symptoms – If your child is unwell, showing symptoms of Covid-19, then he/she should not attend school. You should contact the Public Health Wales helpline for further advice. (111 helpline/119 test) You may need to arrange for a Covid-19 test. Your child should stay at home, until he/she feels better. Remember also to contact the school to present details regarding symptoms/testing/who etc. We will need confirmation of test results before the child can return to school.

Snack – Some of the children bring their own snack for the school day. As the school follows the Local Authority's healthy school's policy, we ask the children not to bring chocolate and crisps as a snack, and opt for a healthy snack.

Books – During school closure before the Summer, reading books were borrowed to the children. To date, many of the books borrowed have not been returned, which means the choice of books available in school for the children has reduced. Please can any books which are still at home with the children, be returned, these should be placed in a bag and returned to the class teacher. Thank you.

Distance Learning – During the lockdown period the children made use of their individual HWB on-line learning platform to support them with learning from home. Your child will continue to make use of the resource and there will be occasions when the class teacher will ask your child to complete a homework task through the use of Google classrooms which is accessed through the HWB account. As we continue to be in a fragile and uncertain time regarding the Covid-19 virus, we need to be ready and prepared for a situation where the school may need to be closed due to an identified case within a particular age group. If we are faced with such a situation, the class teacher will co-ordinate the learning through the child's HWB account. The teachers have been familiarising the children with their HWB account in class and therefore it is hoped that they will be able to make use of their HWB account from home, if we are faced with such a situation. The class teachers have also prepared learning packs which they will shortly be distributing for the children to make us of if they are required to stay at home.

School Improvement Priorities – As well as ensuring the day to day health and wellbeing of the children during this period of returning to school, we will be focusing on 4 main improvement priorities during this year. These are as follows:

1. Continue in our preparations towards the new curriculum for Wales 2022.
2. Review arrangements and provision for the development of pupil's Welsh oracy skills across the school
3. Review arrangements and provision for the development of pupil's writing and reading experiences
4. Further focus on school provision and procedures in introducing the changes associated with the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) act for Sept 2021.

The School Improvement Plan includes further details on how the school will be responding to the above priorities.

Communication – Letters and school information is available through the website, Schoop, the school's Twitter account, as well as the school App.

Urdd - As yet, due to the situation regarding Covid-19, we are unable to confirm whether or not the Urdd eisteddfod will go ahead this year. However, if he/she wishes to, your child can become an Urdd member, with the option of possibly competing in online event which may be available, as well as homework competitions. You can visit the Urdd website www.urdd.org for membership details and further information.

Sponsored Mini Marathon – In our efforts to promote healthy living and personal fitness, the children (and staff!) are to take part in a sponsored mini marathon in school. It will be an opportunity for all the children to take part in a physical activity, which will encourage keeping fit and healthy. It will also be an opportunity to raise funds for school classroom resources. We will be using any funds raised to buy resources which respond to our school improvement priorities. The children will be able to choose how and what they are to be sponsored for. These will be as follows, and each child will need to mark their choice on their sponsor form. We will celebrate the efforts of those who have raised the largest amount of money. The marathon will be held around the school field, with individual classes timetabled on different times and days during the week before the half term, week beginning October 19th. Fit and able staff will also hope to be taking part!
Each child will receive a sponsor form and we ask the children to return the form to the class teacher after completing the challenge.

Number of laps around the school field within an hour	
Fastest time to complete 20 lap / 40 lap / 60 lap	
1 hour of speed walking	

Show Racism the Red Card – On Friday 16th October, the school will be supporting the Show Racism the Red Card day. The children may wear red clothing for school. We kindly ask for a donation of £1 to support the appeal.

Harvest – Classes will be presenting messages to each other during class assemblies to thank for the Harvest. These will be presented by each class through computer links. The school is kindly asking for food donations which are to be donated to the Wrexham food bank. Containers will be available outside the school hall on the **morning of Tuesday October 20th**, and will be taken on the same day to the food bank. We will not be accepting donations before or after this date. Thank you.

Half term – School closes for the half term break on Friday October 23rd and re-opens on Monday November 2nd.

It will be much appreciated if all parents/carers ensure that any other adults who may be collecting the children from school are made aware of the above information. Once again, I would like to remind you to please contact your child's class teacher through their direct e-mail address if you have any questions about the activities and your child's work, or contact the office at mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk for general enquiries. Diolch.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher

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(Athro dosbarth/Class teacher)