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Dear Parents

We are nearing the Easter break, so felt it was important to provide you with a brief update. The last few weeks have been very challenging for us as a school, with very high levels of covid related absence amongst pupils and staff. We would like to thank everyone for their patience during this period. Staff have effectively changed and adapted their plans to support pupils, often at the last minute.

It does seem that the high levels are petering off a little.

## **New Covid requirements**

After the Easter break, asymptomatic testing for pupils and staff will cease. If staff or pupils are symptomatic, they will then need to seek an LFT test. It is recommended that if positive, an isolation period of at least 5 days is completed. As per guidance, the school will no longer be issuing 'warn and inform' letters.

We will still continue to be vigilant and use all contingencies possible to mitigate infection. For instance, we will still use the one-way system and be cautious when planning events on a larger scale.

We are so proud of our lovely children, who have all adapted well to our new arrangements for lunch, with most pupils who have school dinners using the school hall.

## **Pandas Update**

Sadly, as you are aware, Pandas ceased trading on 25<sup>th</sup> March. This occurred without notice and we appreciate this has caused stress and consternation for the parents and pupils who used the service. The situation has been discussed in governors. As a team, it was agreed to explore a range of alternative options, however, this will take some time as procedures must be followed.

Today, the school met with Ceri Gibbons from the local authority to gain a further understanding of the procedures the school needs to follow. We have also met with Claire Dare from Clubiau Cymru to discuss possible options and processes. Unfortunately, we cannot put a timeframe on how long this will take but will communicate any further information in a timely manner.



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## Parental Consultations

Consultations continue this week. If, for some reason, you were unable to make your appointment, please contact the school to rearrange.

We hope the meetings gave you an insight into how your children are progressing and provided you with a window into their experiences.

## New Curriculum meetings

We would like to extend our thanks to those who attended our second webinar for parents and carers. Next half term these meetings will focus on literacy and numeracy skill development at the school and will be held on site in the school hall.

Literacy Workshops	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception – Year 2 @ 9am	Year 3 – Year 6 @ 10.15am
Numeracy Workshops	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	TBC

A recording of all of our Curriculum Development events will shortly be placed on our website.

Additionally, the EAS have launched their Curriculum for Wales Teaching and Learning development website. This includes a specific section for parents and carers and can be found here: [CfW T & L \(google.com\)](http://CfWT&L.google.com)

## A visit from the Mayor

The Mayor will be visiting the school on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10am to officially plant our Jubilee tree with our children.

## Jubilee Week

We are currently putting plans together for our Jubilee Week the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We are hoping to have a garden party for the children as well as a range of other exciting events. We will circulate these closer to the time.

**Our Jubilee Day (an additional day off) is 27<sup>th</sup> May.**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation,  
Mrs. L. J. Lewis  
Headteacher