



Blackwood Primary School,
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our wonderful pupils for the start of the autumn term at Blackwood Primary School. It has been so lovely seeing their happy smiling faces again back in our school.

I would like to say a big thankyou to all our staff who have worked very hard to ensure that our pupils come back to the safest environment we can achieve. In order to keep everyone safe we have created a number of sanitising stations around the school and pupils will also be required to wash their hands every hour. In addition, the school will continue to undergo an enhanced clean throughout the school day.

Information has been released by the Welsh Government which states that if pupils display symptoms of coronavirus whilst in school parents/carers will be contacted immediately and asked to collect them. Whilst we appreciate it is the season for coughs and colds we have to follow the guidelines to the letter to keep us all safe. **Pupils who display symptoms at home should not come into school.** In addition if any member of your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus the pupil should not come to school until a test has been done and the results received. Please contact the office on 01495224111 during school hours or mainoffice@blackwoodprimary.org out of hours, to let us know if your child will be absent from school for any reason. Please see the information below from public health Wales:

Stay at home if you or someone you live with has either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- loss of smell or taste (anosmia)

If you or anyone in your household develops any of the above symptoms we would urge you to get a test, you can book this online by using the following link:

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Coronavirus>



If your child receives a positive diagnosis please email the school on the email address below:

covidreporting@blackwoodprimary.org

As you are aware we are operating staggered start and finish times for all year groups, this is again in line with the guidance we have received from the Welsh Government. Once you have dropped your child off at school, please ensure you leave the area **immediately** to ensure other parents/carers can get to the gate quickly to drop off their child/ren. Ensure you maintain a 2 metre social distance between yourself and other parents/carers at all times.

Face coverings should not be worn in school without prior arrangement of a risk assessment. Please see the guidance below from Welsh Government that states they are of little value to under 11s. If you require your child to wear a facemask please contact the office to discuss this further. <https://gov.wales/statement-face-coverings-schools>

The school grounds will remain closed to parents/carers. The school office will be open and can be contacted by phone on 01495224111 or email on mainoffice@blackwoodprimary.org, please be patient as this is a very busy time. Emergency contact forms have been sent out electronically via parentmail to complete. If you have not completed yours please email the main office. Ensure that you have downloaded the parentmail app to help keep up to date with all our communications.

Each child will receive a 'Stay safe, Stay learning' pack with more detailed information for each year group and information/resources for distance learning should they need to self isolate. These will be sent out over the course of the next few days.

A gentle reminder that **no school bags** are to be brought to school. Pupils only need to bring a packed lunch bag and drinks bottle with their name clearly labelled on both. Please do not overload your child's packed lunch box, only put in there what they would normally eat. Also ensure that all food is easily accessible and in packets they can open themselves.

There is no need to bring a snack, the Local Authority are providing all pupils with a snack throughout September. From Monday 21st September, our school has been chosen to pilot the return of hot lunches in school. Children will be provided with a hot meal in a box for them to eat in the canteen. Could you please complete the questionnaire that will follow for us to gauge the



numbers of children who will require hot lunches from next week onwards. We are awaiting updates regarding the return of Breakfast Club, as soon as we receive these we will let you know the plans moving forward.

Please find below the link to the school dinners page on the Caerphilly website with the weekly menus.

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/caerphilly/en/primary-schools/about-us/primary-schools-menu/>

Thank you again for your ongoing support during these uncertain times, we are doing everything in our power to make our school as safe as possible.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Davies

Headteacher

