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Dear Parents / carers

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Croeso'n ol, welcome, Thank you once again all families and pupils for the wonderful return to school. We are in our 4th week of recovery and the dry spell of weather has finally broken. All the new systems and procedures introduced for our recovery have stood up to the test and only require a small level of adjustment, these will be detailed below:

Drop off and Pick up times adjusted.

To help maximize the amount of lesson time (something that is calculated by school and Local Authorities) we are adjusting the morning drop off time, this will **end at 9am**. Drop off time will run from 8:30am until 8:55am, the gates will close at 9am as we hope for all learners to be in class ready to learn by 9am.

Foundation Phase pick up time will **begin at 3:05pm**, following the pattern of Reception children with their siblings, followed by Year 1 with siblings and then year 2. The dismissal of the Foundation Phase families has been excellent, each year group has only taken a few minutes to leave the site. Many thanks to all involved who make this such a smooth operation.

Key stage 2 pick remains unaffected.

These slight adjustments will mean Foundation Phase children are in class for an extra 10 minutes per day, 50 minutes per week. All vital as we continue to support your children in their development. Thank you in advance for your support.

COVID-19

We continually strive to maintain the Health and Safety of all at Saundersfoot school and as the weather changes we are going to face the challenging situation of having to keep the school ventilated but also warm. This is an impossible situation, and as we are facing a global pandemic well ventilated rooms are a must. To help your child please send them to school in numerous layers of clothing, coat, fleece, school jumper all would provide warm layers of clothing, vests and base layers would also allow the school to keep classroom windows open.

As the term progresses the school will continue to ask families to ensure that children have all they need for school when arriving and leaving. The school wishes to minimise items staff must handle from home, this is not done to offend but to keep the staff and site Covid secure. Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Parent's Evening - Phone calls.

Schools find themselves facing new challenges as the term progresses, one such issue is the parents evening we normally hold during the Autumn term. This term these appointments will be held via phone calls, your child's class teacher will be in touch regarding setting up phone calls with every family. Each evening teachers will be calling families after the school day until 5:30pm, for the staff to complete all these calls each appointment will need to be restricted to 10mins. Class teachers will be discussing your child's learning recovery, wellbeing and identifying strengths and areas to develop following our return to school. If parents have a specific area they wish to discuss, we ask for parents to notify teachers via their class Dojo.

Should additional calls be requested class teachers will initially call the primary carer of the child, additional phone calls can be made at a later date.

This will be a new journey for all, so we would appreciate your feedback once we have completed this as we continue our own learning journey. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Time supervisor.

The school is looking to increase its lunchtime supervision both as paid staff but also volunteers, we are currently delivering all food to each class and supervising three playgrounds. Having additional willing

volunteers/staff will help the school cope with any LTS absences. If you are interested in helping the school, please contact Mrs K. Brace via email or telephone.

Ash Die Back

Sadly, we are set to lose 18 ash trees from our wooded area due to Ash Die back. We will be setting the school a challenge of how best to make use of this situation, we are planning to leave about 18 tree stumps between 6 to 10 feet tall. We already have a few ideas in the pipeline, but should you have any ideas or skills (tree Carving, hammock installation, adventure woodland skills) please let your child's class teacher know. We aim to complete the project in late Spring or early Summer.

Inset.

The school is in the process of confirming providers and training days for staff for the year 2020/21. The Tenby cluster of schools are looking to develop greater working relationships for families with our INSET days, January will see an Inset day in mid-week 27.01.2020, however, with COVID in mind the school is looking where possible to link these to a school holiday.

Confirmed Inset days

School closed to pupils - Wednesday 27 January

School closed to pupils - Monday 12th April

School closed to pupils - Monday and Tuesday 19th, 20th July

Please understand these dates may change subject to COVID-19 and Government instruction.

School Funds.

Finances are difficult across the country right now, and schools have been hit along with all other industries. We are currently spending much more on pupil/Staff resources e.g. chrome books, display screens, individual stationary as well as providing more soap, sanitiser, hand towels etc. Your support during these times are absolutely invaluable. As we approach winter and of course Christmas we will be thinking of how we can safely celebrate these wonderful and traditional occasions. We will keep you posted but if you have any ideas how we can safely raise much needed funds, whilst having fun, please let us know.

NHS COVID-19 app

The Welsh Government and UK Government have launched the NHS COVID-19 app across England and Wales. The NHS COVID-19 app is an important part of our Test, Trace, protect programme to control the spread of Covid-19.

The more people who use the app the greater our chances of reducing the spread of the virus.

The app will:

- let you know if you have been near someone who now has coronavirus symptoms
- give you advice on coronavirus that is relevant to you
- allow you to check your symptoms
- take you to a website where you can book a test if you have symptoms
- provide a self-isolation countdown timer if required

What will the app do for individuals?

The app is the fastest way for users to see if they are at risk from coronavirus. It will enable users (with a compatible smart phone) to check symptoms, order tests and receive results and advice. It will also provide alerts to self-isolate if a user has been in close contact with a confirmed case and will have an 'alert' system which will show users the current risk level in their area. The app will be available for people to download from 24 September.

Thank you for all your help and support. We look forward to an interesting and safe term.

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