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Dear parent/carers

It has been good to welcome children back after the half term break. The first week of the firebreak lockdown did little to lift the spirits with so much dark and rainy weather but children have been able to enjoy a bright start to the second half of the autumn term this week. We have been making the most of time outdoors and enjoying the blue skies.

A particular welcome back to Year 1 who have spent time self-isolating following two cases in their year group that were reported over the half term break. It is good to know that everyone is fit and well.

You may well be aware that before the end of last half term I advised that just over a quarter of all schools in Wales had reported at least one case of coronavirus. By yesterday, this number had increased to 40%. It is inevitable that further cases will arise in school and elsewhere. I am grateful for the responsible action of parents/carers in notifying the school and for observing the requirement for pupils to self-isolate. We are continuing to follow consistent procedures in school to ensure that children and staff remain as safe as possible.

With infection rates in nearby authorities being among the highest in the UK there is clearly an ongoing need for all members of our community to continue acting with caution. Thank you to parents/carers for wearing face coverings as requested and for maintaining a 2 metre distance from others when arriving/waiting at school during drop-off and collection times. Small but consistent individual actions like these contribute beneficially to keeping all members of our community safe.



In support of the annual appeal day for Children in Need we would like to invite all children to come to school wearing **bright clothes** next Friday 13th November.

This year's appeal has a particular focus on promoting and supporting children's physical and mental wellbeing. We will be looking in school at the '5 Ways to Well-being' and using activities and resources to learn about and experience ways to help one another thrive.

If you would like to make a donation to the appeal then children can bring coins into school that we will 'quarantine' or you can contribute online via the Children in Need website at

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Kind regards,

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