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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 23 April 2021

Dear parent/carers

Hello
Sunshine!



We have enjoyed another very positive week in school, greatly helped by the fabulous weather which has made time outdoors such a pleasure. All of our staff are focused on providing a day-to-day experience in school that is as close as possible to 'normal'. This has included a small number of visitors this week who have worked outdoors with pupils to run specific activities that enrich pupil's learning.

All visitors and activities comply with our risk assessment to ensure that these opportunities are provided safely. Pupils benefit greatly from this additional provision and we will continue to provide these experiences where possible without compromising children's or adult's safety.

INSET (Staff Training) DAY

Thursday 6th May was originally scheduled as a non-pupil day as the school was due to be used as a polling station in the upcoming election. These arrangements have altered and the planned training day will now take place on **Friday 21st May**. School will be closed to pupils on this date.

PLEASE KEEP OFF THE BANK

We are instructing all pupils that they must not climb on the grass bank at the front of school alongside the drop-off zone. This area is very steep and presents a clear danger to pupils who risk falling from height onto a hard surface. In addition, the retaining timber posts are in a deteriorating condition and several have already broken loose where children have climbed on them to access the bank. This is weakening the wall further and adding to the risk.

We are working with the local authority to secure the retaining timbers before the situation worsens. During the Easter break, we repaired the walls alongside the steps leading from school to the crossing on George Street. A significant number of bricks had worked loose where children have been climbing along and jumping from the wall. We have also advised children that they are not to do this. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your children do not climb the bank or walls at the beginning or end of the school day so that they are safe and no further damage occurs.

FACE COVERINGS



Several parents have requested that we provide another reminder that all parents/carers/visitors to school are expected to wear a face covering when on the school site. Thanks to many of you who are already doing this routinely.

While the general situation has been steadily improving, our expectations and practices in school have not altered. Continuing to maintain social distancing and wearing a face covering are two actions that all members of our community can readily take when dropping off and collecting children. Please also remember that there should only be one

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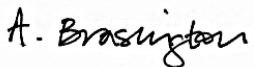
parent/carer dropping or collecting pupils. I hope that all parents/carers respect this request and show appropriate concern for the safety of others by keeping to a social distance and wearing a face covering when on the school site. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

This Wednesday, face-to-face learning finished at 12.30/12.40. I would like to thank all parents/carers for your cooperation and support with these temporary arrangements. At present the operational guidance from WG remains unchanged and staff are not able to cross year group bubbles. However, we will continue to keep our arrangements under review and provide clear advance notice of any change.

All teachers are providing home learning tasks through Seesaw for the Wednesday afternoon. We do appreciate that individual circumstances will vary and tasks are being provided as a support only. Please continue to use your discretion according to your own situation and priorities.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Brasington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'B'.

Mr A Brasington