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Friday 10 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a very full and exciting start to the new school year this week. Lots of smiles, energy and enthusiasm on show with children happy to be back in school and settling well to their new classes. I think it's fair to say that everyone will sleep well tonight! We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive term, hoping that we can keep on track and are able to introduce more elements of 'normal' school life as the weeks pass.

With this in mind, we will be restarting swimming sessions with Year 5 next week and Year 6 pupils will shortly begin fortnightly rugby sessions with the Dragons Gateway team. Our coastal school visits will also continue this term and we are planning further activities and events that it has not been possible to engage in as a school before now. These are positive steps and we are pleased to be able to provide valuable learning experiences that have been so missed in recent times.

However, I do need to emphasise that all of our plans are constantly under review. We have to anticipate that circumstances may alter at any point and that this may impact on future plans and day-to-day arrangements.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

Many thanks to those of you who have already registered for the council's new cashless payment system. We have re-sent letters this week with new registration codes for any child who is not yet signed up. Your code is only valid for 7 days so please register as quickly as you are able.

Please be aware that the payment system is not only for lunch payments. All payments into school have to be made using this system. For instance, snack money or travel costs for school trips can only be paid using the cashless system. For this reason, it is essential that all parents/carers register.

We are aware that there have been some teething problems with the system in its early stages. If you are experiencing difficulty with registering or using the system you can mail educationpayments@torfaen.gov.uk for assistance.

AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We will be holding telephone consultations for all parents/carers in the week beginning Monday 11th October. We know that many of you found these a convenient way to catch up with your child's class teacher and to discuss how your child has found the first month or so of this school year.

We will contact all parents/carers later this month to provide you with the opportunity to book in for a ten-minute call. If in the meantime you have any concerns or information that you wish to share, please either speak with your child's teacher at the end of the day or contact the school office and we can arrange for them to call you to discuss in private.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are putting in place plans for Christmas activities at the end of this term, including a theatre visit and school performances. Some of these activities will take place outside and all are likely to be subject to limits on numbers. We will confirm provisional dates with you this month. As mentioned earlier, please keep in mind that all plans are subject to possible change or cancellation.

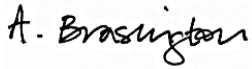
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Could parents/carers of children who attend the after-school club run by Pontymoile Under-5s and hosted in George Street, please note that this provision will restart on Monday 20th September.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are currently advertising for a motivated and enthusiastic person to join our midday supervisory team. The role involves looking after pupils at lunchtime for one and a quarter hours each weekday as part of a caring and supportive team. You can find out more details about the role and how to apply by visiting the council's website at <https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/jobsCareers/jobsatthecouncil/jobVacancies/job-Vacancies.aspx>

Kind regards,



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