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Dear parents/carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year and I trust that you have enjoyed a good Christmas with loved ones and families.

We have used the Welsh Government and Bridgend CBC guidance to plan for the safe reopening of our school. We are currently reopening as normal on **Thursday 6th January**. Welsh Government have asked us to plan at the "Very High Risk" Level. This is due to the current levels of COVID19 and the transmissibility of the OMICRON Variant. Our current risk assessment which has been updated and is on the school website <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/llangynwyd-primary-school/UploadedDocument/117c88f2-4a01-4394-b002-e5a837f40cd5/version-3-january-2022.docx.pdf> and covers the changes in WG Operational Guidance.

As we move into 2022 it is important that we do so together. We need to ensure that we offer a safe, nurturing school environment where children feel safe, happy and continue their love of learning. To ensure this, we need to work together, following the guidance and protocols for self-isolation and possible symptoms.

Start and Finish times remain the same but we have added some flexibility at the start and end of the school day to enable the safe pick up and drop off.

Breakfast Club : There will be no breakfast club this week or until Wednesday next week at the very earliest due to issues surrounding staffing in Catering. As soon as we have the staff to open breakfast club we will do so.

School Dinners: This weeks menu is:

Thursday	Friday
1. Pizza 2. Lemon Sole 3. Ham Wrap	1. Sausage 2. Pork Bites 3. Cheese Wrap

We will resume normal menu choices on Week 1 from Monday 10th January.

Hand Sanitizer: A consent form will be sent out today to ask for permission to use Hand Sanitizer at times during the school day. This will supplement the hand washing regime we have in school.

Ventilation – ensuring good ventilation is vital. That being said, we are now entering the coldest months of the year. It is essential that children come to school with this in mind. Please ensure they have several layers of clothes and their school jumpers.

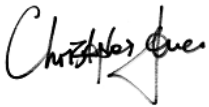
We have used the guidance from Welsh Government, BCBC and our own risk assessment processes to

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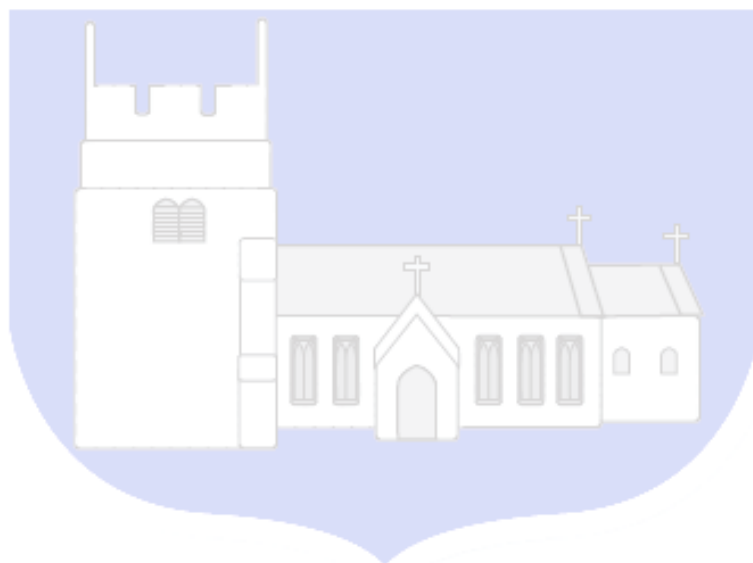
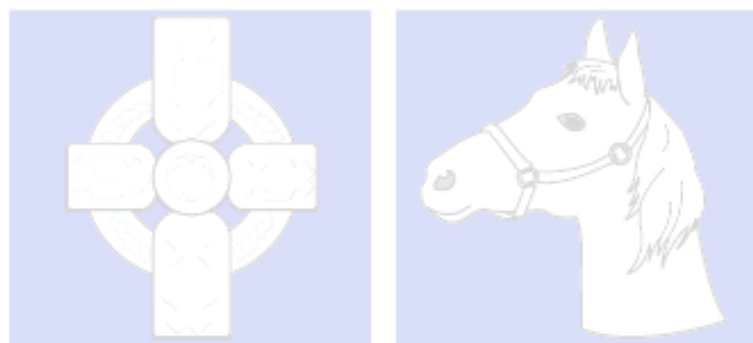
ensure the school is as safe as it can be. We cannot do this in isolation and require your help and support in following the information in this letter to keep everyone safe, and ensure we maintain safe staffing levels so we do not need to return to remote learning.

At the end of this letter, there are is a mini FAQ section which covers some of the key points in the risk assessment.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the coming days and weeks.



Christopher Jones



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Questions	Answers
Social Distancing	✓ There will be a rolling registration with the school doors opening at 8:50am. ✓ Children will not need to line up and can walk straight in to the classes. ✓ Parents/Carers are politely asked not to arrive on the school site until 8:50am. This will prevent people standing together for a longer than necessary period of time. ✓ We will also offer a rolling pick up from 3:15pm. This will enable a safer pick up without large numbers of parents waiting on the playground. We again politely ask parents not to enter the school yard until 3:15pm (unless collecting a child from LRC Base Class)
School Day	✓ School uniform will be expected to be worn. ✓ Please ensure children wear comfortable footwear / trainers as outdoor learning will take place as much as possible. ✓ All children are expected to attend every day. ✓ Break times will be staggered and Foundation Phase pupils and KS2 will not have playtime together (this has been the case since Sept 2021) ✓ During the reopening of the school there will be no cars (other than taxi's) to enter the school site. ✓ Parents are encouraged to drop children off and then quickly leave the school site and not hang around. ✓ We are limiting the number of adults in school, so during this time parents will be asked to remain outside the building. ✓ To ensure that the rooms are well ventilated, windows throughout the school will be open to keep the air circulating. It is advised that children bring jumpers with them and need to wear layers as January and February are usually cold.
Face Coverings	✓ All staff will wear face coverings in communal areas. ✓ Where social distancing cannot be maintained, school staff may wear masks when working with children. ✓ Parents are very strongly asked to wear face coverings on the school site.
Hygiene / Cleaning	✓ Toilets will be cleaned at several points throughout the day – as we have continued to do throughout the pandemic. ✓ Children will be allowed to bring their own hand cream into school to put on their hands after washing / sanitizing to prevent them from drying and becoming sore – they will be responsible for this. They need to be able and mature enough to do this sensibly. ✓ Antibacterial gel will be provided in school for pupil use – but this will not replace hand washing. ✓ Children will have access to toilets at regular times throughout the day.

	✓ We will ensure that all staff and learners regularly wash their hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds. Staff will also ensure learners are reminded of effective handwashing techniques. Regular handwashing will be undertaken including: ✓ On arrival at and when leaving the school or setting. ✓ Before and after handling food. ✓ Before and after handling objects and equipment that may have been used by others. ✓ Where there has been any physical contact. ✓ After people blow their nose, sneeze or cough.
Sickness	Under no circumstances should learners or staff attend school if they: ✓ feel unwell ✓ have any of the three identified COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, ✓ a high temperature ✓ loss of taste or smell) ✓ they have tested positive to COVID-19 in the past 10 days and have not returned negative LFTs on Day 6 and Day 7. ✓ live in a household with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 and has not returned daily negative LFTs before they come to school. ✓ Instructed to self isolate by Test , Trace and Protect.
Non-Attendance / Online Learning	✓ Welsh Government want all children to attend school as normal. ✓ The school has a contingency plan in case remote learning is needed. ✓ A digital survey will be carried out Monday 10th January on the current ICT needs of learners in case remote learning is needed.
Mainstream integration	✓ At present and until Monday 17th January – there will be no integration in mainstream from pupils within the LRC Care Bases. This will be reviewed on Friday 14th January.