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LAST MINUTE CHANGES TO THE START OF SPRING TERM.

Dear Parent/Carer,

I was called to a meeting yesterday where our local authority, in line with very late Welsh Government guidance, have made some changes to the way that we will return to school in January. Here are the main details that will affect us all at Goytre Fawr:

- In Monmouthshire, all schools will begin with x2 remote blended/distance learning days. These are so we can assess any staffing needs after the Christmas period and map out contingencies in line with the direction of the pandemic.
- Your child will therefore be set work on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**, to complete at home, in line with our Blended Learning Policy. You will be fully informed by your child's class teacher as to how this work will be set and marked, and the platforms they will be available to you on.
- The INSET we had planned for **4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**, is now pushed back to **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**. This will be a day where staff are on site, engaging in their professional learning. There will be no work set for your child on that day.
- Your child's return to school for the resumption of face-to-face learning with their teacher and classmates, will now be **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**, not the originally planned for return date of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.
- There is no provision for the children of critical workers or vulnerable children on 4.1.21. or 5.1.21. in school. This has been a Monmouthshire-wide decision, in line with Welsh Government guidance.
- GASC is open between 8a.m. – 5 p.m. on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.
- GASC will be open from 7.30-9 a.m. and 3.30-5.45 p.m. from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, as the children return to face-to-face learning on the school site.

I am aware of the difficulties this will present to some of you and can only apologise for the late notice. I am afraid that on this occasion, it was out of our hands.

Thank you for your anticipated help and kind consideration in these matters. Nadolig Llawn bawb.

Yours sincerely,

Covid-19 Symptom Definitions.
<b>A High Temperature</b> -this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back or your temperature/fever is in excess of <b>37.8 degrees</b> .
<b>A New Continuous Cough</b> -this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
<b>A Loss or Change to your Sense of Smell or Taste</b> -this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or small things smell or taste different to normal.

What to do if...	Action Needed.	Return to school when...
...my child has any of the Covid-19 symptoms listed above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately.</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household for <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b>.</li> <li>Get a test as soon as you can.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately about the test result.</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative. We will need to see a screen shot or similar written evidence of the negative test result. Please email it as soon as you can, to: <a href="mailto:goytfawrprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk">goytfawrprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a>
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately.</li> <li>Agree an earliest possible return to school date; 10 days at a minimum.</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household for <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b></li> </ul>	...they feel better after the minimum 10 day quarantine period (from the date of the start of symptoms). Even if a person has a continued loss of taste or smell and/or a cough, after 10 days, they can still return. Symptoms may linger but they will not be infectious after that 10 day period.
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact the school and share the negative result with us via: <a href="mailto:goytfawrprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk">goytfawrprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a></li> <li>Negotiate the quickest possible return to school for your child. Hopefully that same day.</li> </ul>	...the tests comes back as negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judge whether your child is well enough to be in school and/or whether they are contagious in other ways.</li> <li>Follow the usual school absentee procedures. Phone Mrs Zammitt and inform us of the absence and the reasons why.</li> <li>Let us know that they are coming in to school with non-Covid-19 symptoms, by speaking to Mr Zammitt on the phone or directly contacting the class teacher on Dojo, in plenty of time before their return.</li> </ul>	...they have had a clear 48 hours between any bouts of sickness or diarrhoea
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms (as outlined above).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately.</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household immediately.</li> <li>Household member to get tested as quickly as possible.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately upon receipt of the test results.</li> </ul>	...the test results come back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately.</li> <li>Negotiate an earliest return date to school (minimum of <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b> if child has no symptoms).</li> </ul>	...the child has completed <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b> of self-isolation.
...NHS Test, Trace, Protect has alerted us that my child has had close contact with someone confirmed as having Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately.</li> <li>Negotiate an earliest return date to school (minimum of <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b> if child has no symptoms).</li> </ul>	...the child has completed <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b> of self-isolation.
...my child has returned from travelling somewhere where we/they now need to self-isolate for a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the 1<sup>st</sup> instance, please do not take leave in term time.</li> <li>Consider government advice and quarantine procedures when booking your destination.</li> <li>Return from destination where quarantine might be needed, as soon as possible.</li> <li>Agree with school, an earliest possible return date (minimum of <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b>).</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household for <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b>.</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days from time of return has been fully completed.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Inform the school immediately.</li> <li>Shield and do not come back to school until shielding has been paused.</li> </ul>	...school informs you that restrictions have been lifted and that your child can return to school.
...my child's class has been stood down due to a Covid-19 case within the class bubble.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Support your child's home learning through Hwb &amp; Dojo.</li> <li>Your child will need to self-isolate for <del>14 days</del> <b>10 DAYS</b>.</li> </ul>	...school will inform you when your child's class bubble is reopened.