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Dear Parent/Carer,

Since Monday September 14th, it has been mandatory to wear face masks/coverings in indoor public spaces such as shops, public transport etc across Wales. There is currently no mandatory or statutory requirement to wear face coverings in primary schools. This is a decision for schools depending on their assessment of the risks and local circumstances.

Here at Ysgol I D Hooson we are continuously reviewing our risk assessments. Since re-opening to all pupils from September 14th, the number of parents who visit the school site at the beginning and at the end of the day has naturally increased. We are grateful that the majority adhere to social distancing and other health and safety measures.

Although not mandatory or statutory, we now advise ALL parents/carers from Monday October 19th onwards, to wear face coverings when entering the school campus, when dropping off and collecting the children. As this is the requirement when in shops and public transport, this is a sensible approach to follow on the school campus. We understand that this is not mandatory, and that parents will be outside, but the decision is based on taking all possible precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible, whether it is parents, staff or the children. Children are not expected to wear face coverings on the school site, this is a decision for individual families to make.

Distance Learning - During the lockdown period the children made use of their individual HWB on-line learning platform to support them with learning from home. Your child will continue to make use of the resource and there will be occasions when the class teacher will ask your child to complete a homework task through the use of Google classrooms, which is accessed through the HWB account. As we continue to be in a fragile and uncertain time regarding the Covid-19 virus, we need to be ready and prepared for a situation where the school may need to be closed due to an identified case within a particular age group. If we are faced with such a situation, the class teacher will co-ordinate the learning through the child's HWB account. The teachers have been familiarising the children with their HWB account in class and therefore it is hoped that they will be able to make use of their HWB account from home, supported by the class teacher, if we are faced with such a situation. The class teachers have also prepared learning packs for individuals who are unable to attend to school when required to self-isolate.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPORTING A NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE RESULT OF COVID OVER THE WEEKEND - If you receive a positive or negative test for Covid after 16:00 on Friday or over the weekend for your child or a close contact of your child, could you please send a text message to **07541080196** or email mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk Thank you.

e-mail - We are moving away from sending paper copies of letters etc. We already provide information through Schoop, School website as well as the school app. If you are not already registered or downloaded the apps, then please ensure that this has been done by Monday November 12th, as paper copies will no longer be distributed after this date. If you require information on how to obtain the apps, then please contact the school office: mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

School Improvement - We are always looking at ways in which we can further improve and develop the school. The school's improvement plan focuses on school improvement priorities for the year. This year, we will be focusing on 4 main priorities which are as follows:

1. Continue to prepare for the introduction of the new 2022 curriculum, to include further review work for practicing numeracy, literacy and ICT opportunities across the curriculum.
2. Review provision and arrangements for the development of Welsh oracy skills across the school.
3. Review provision and arrangements for the development of writing and reading skills across the school.
4. Further focus on the school's arrangements and procedures in responding to the introduction of the 2021 ALN act.

Mini Marathon - The timetable for next week is as follows. The different year groups will take part on the following days:

	Bore/Morning	P'nawn/Afternoon
Meithrin / Derbyn	Mercher/Wednesday (21.10.20)	
Blwyddyn 1/2 Year 1/2	Mawrth/Tuesday (20.10.20)	Mawrth/Tuesday
Blwyddyn 3/4 Year 3/4		Mercher/Wednesday (21.10.20) (Dosbarth Miss Darlington & Miss Morris) Gwener/Friday (23.10.20) (Dosbarth Mr D Jones)
Blwyddyn 5/6 Year 5/6	Iau/Thursday (22.10.20)	Iau/Thursday

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their marathon day, and brings suitable footwear for walking/running on the school field. (The school field may be a little bit muddy!)

Shoebox appeal - We will once again this year be supporting the Teams4U shoebox appeal. Details are explained in the leaflet. Boxes need to be returned on **Friday November 20th** and left under the sheltered area outside the main reception.

Children in Need - We will be supporting the Children in Need appeal on Friday November 15th. Our theme in school will be 'Wear a hat for fun'. Any contributions will be gratefully received and collected on the day.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher