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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE PLEASE READ

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone following the summer holidays. We hope you enjoyed the break and are looking forward to a busy year in the life of the school. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation during the beginning of the new term. I would also like to thank the children for the way they have responded to the return to school arrangements.

I would like to present the following information at the beginning of the new term.

Contacting the class teachers - You are able to e-mail the class teachers directly. You can use this to report an absence, change a parents evening time etc. Due to data protection reasons, e-mail should not be used to transfer confidential information. Below are the e-mail addresses for each class teacher. The e-mail system should not be used to make any complaints.

Mrs Laura Davies	DaviesL2654@hwbcymru.net
Miss Manon Davies	DaviesM125@hwbcymru.net
Mrs Delyth D Jones	Dempseyjonesd5@hwbcymru.net
Mrs Esther Rowlands	RowlandsE180@hwbcymru.net
Miss Bethan Morris	MorrisB27@hwbcymru.net
Mr Dyfan Jones	JonesD106@hwbcymru.net
Mrs Manon Williams	WilliamsM1666@hwbcymru.net
Miss Eilw Evans	EvansE42@hwbcymru.net

Please remember to contact the school immediately if you have any questions or issues you want to raise. We are here to help and are very keen to discuss any issues and solve any problems for the good of our pupils.

In the first instance, if you have a concern about your child (educational/behaviour etc) please discuss with the **class teacher**. You may be directed to another member of staff if necessary.

If you are not satisfied with the response - you should contact **Mrs Manon Williams** (Head of Key Stage 2) or **Miss Manon Davies** (Head of Foundation Learning) or **Mr Dyfan Jones** (Deputy Headteacher).

If you are still unsatisfied, please contact **Mr Rhodri Jones** (Headteacher).

If you are still unsatisfied and the issue is not resolved, you should contact **Mr Geraint Phillips**, the Chair of Governors.

Mrs Laura Davies is the school's inclusion and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) co-ordinator. Mrs Davies is available to discuss other concerns involving your child's development and welfare and to discuss any additional support the school may be able to offer your child. **If you need to discuss your child with Mrs Davies, then a suitable time will need to be arranged, as Mrs Davies has teaching responsibilities for the reception class for the majority of her weekly timetable.**

Traffic and collecting the children at the end of the school day - We ask all parents/carers to respect the parking and traffic arrangements at the beginning and end of each school day. The situation can sometimes be difficult and we therefore ask all parents/carers for their patience and co-operation. To ensure some key areas are kept traffic free, vehicles should not be parked where cones are located, and cones should not be moved. If you are collecting your child at 3 o'clock (Reception, Year 1 and 2) then you should not arrive on the school campus any earlier than 10 minutes before the collection time, and ensure that you leave the parking area as soon as possible after you have collected your child. If you are collecting your child from year 3,4,5 or 6, then again you should not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before the collection time. If all parent/carers follow this arrangement, then it will help with the flow of traffic and allow more parking areas to be available during the busy time at the end of the school day. If it is possible, we also encourage all parents/carers who are able to, to avoid bringing a vehicle onto the school site. **At the end of the school day, please enter the school yard to collect your child/ren through the side gate (right hand side of building from parking area), and then follow the one way arrangement around the building towards the parking area.** Please ensure that your child is supervised as the car park can be extremely busy at the end of the school day. Please also ensure that care is taken when driving any vehicles on the campus, ensuring that the 5mph speed limit is followed.

Toys and other items from home - Please ensure that your child does not bring any personal items from home to school. Items such as toys and footballs should be kept safely at home. If any equipment or items are required, then you will be notified by your child's class teacher. Mobile phones are also not permitted in school.

Termly Plan - You will shortly be receiving a termly topic plan for your child's class. It will include further information about the arrangements for your child's class for the term.

School uniform - At the beginning of the new term and school year, I would like to remind you of the school uniform arrangements. In line with the school policy, the current school uniform will continue to be worn by all pupils, which is the blue trousers/skirt, blue polo shirt and school sweatshirt or cardigan. **ALL pupils are asked to wear black shoes. Black trainers or high heels will not be allowed. Jewellery is not permitted. Items such as bracelets, rings, hanging earrings (small studs only acceptable) should be kept at home.** The children will also require their school PE kit, which includes a **blue polo shirt/T shirt and blue shorts**. Suitable trainers will be required for outdoor activities. Uniform is available through RAM leisure <https://ourschoolwear.co.uk/collections/id-hooson> School uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Forest School - During the year the children will be taking part in forest school activities. You will be notified by your child's class teacher of the days for these sessions. For the forest school sessions, the children should come to school in their school uniform, bringing suitable trousers to change to and wellingtons in a bag.

Snack - As we follow the Local Authority's Healthy school policy, only healthy snacks for morning or afternoon break is allowed. Chocolate, sweets and sweet/fizzy drinks will are not permitted as a morning/afternoon snack.

A fruit shop will be available for key stage 2 pupils from Monday September 8th, where the children can buy a healthy snack for 20p.

Smoking / Vaping - Smoking and Vaping is not permitted on the school campus. This is displayed on entrances onto the school site.

Attendance / Punctuality - As stated in the letter at the end of the summer term, good attendance is a key contributor to successful academic achievement. We want your child to be in school for every possible day of the school year, except if there is a genuine reason for absence e.g. illness, medical appointment. I would like to urge and to remind you to think very carefully before you arrange any holidays for 2024-2025, and make every effort possible to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during the school term time. Any requests to take children out of school for holidays or other activities which are not linked to the child's education, will need to be done by completing a holiday form available from the school office or from the website.

The Local Authority in partnership with the school will be monitoring pupil's attendance levels and contact will be made with parents/carers when attendance levels become a concern. It is vitally important that pupils attend school regularly. If your child is unwell, we ask that you contact the school on the first day of absence. **Please ensure that you notify school before 9:30.**

Please see below the daily session times. Please share the information with any relatives or carers who may be responsible for dropping off or collecting your child from school. **Please note that morning session starts at 8:55 for reception to year 6 pupils. ALL PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SCHOOL ON TIME, AND AVOID ARRIVING LATE. Thank you.**

08:55 - Foundation Learning (Reception/Yr1 & 2) KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6) start

15:00 - Foundation Learning (Reception/Yr1 & 2) finish

15:15 - KS2 (Years 3/4/5/6) finish

09:00 - 11:30 Morning Nursery Start/Finish

Collecting pupils early from school - We ask parents/carers to make every effort possible to avoid this, unless it is for emergency reasons only. It does have an impact on the child's education and can cause inconvenience which can be avoided. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Dinners - Free school dinners are now available for all pupils from reception to year 6, and is served in the school hall with staggered times for different age groups. If you wish for your child to have school dinners on any day, then this **MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE** through their ParentPay account before 8am on the morning or you can book up to 6 weeks in advance. **The school can no longer book their school dinners. If parents have not booked a lunch for their child, a full hot school meal cannot be guaranteed for the child, and it may only be possible to provide a reduced and simpler meal or sandwich.**

If you have not received your child's login details for ParentPay, please contact the school office by emailing mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

Dogs - May I take this opportunity to remind you that dogs are not permitted on to the school grounds.

Bikes - We encourage pupil's health and fitness, and cycling to school can contribute positively towards this. If your child does make use of his/her bike to travel to school, and if he/she is not a year 6 pupil, then please arrange appropriate adult supervision when travelling to and from school for your child on a bicycle. We also would encourage your child to wear a suitable safety helmet when cycling. The children should not ride their bike on the yard at the end of the school day as it is a busy time with a high number of parents, carers and other children on the yard.

Some other dates for your diary:

Owain Glyndŵr's Day- Children can wear red, white or green clothing for school.	16/09/24
Welcome / Drop-in Evenings	23/09/24
Year 4 visit to the Urdd camp in Glan Llyn	03-04/10/24
PTA meeting(in the school)	07/10/24 (6pm)
Food donations as part of harvest celebrations. The school will present the donations received to the local food bank	15/10/24
Yr. 4/5/6 harvest service in Bethel Chapel, Ponciau	16/10/24 (10.30am)
Show Racism the Red card day (the children are asked to wear a Red item of clothing for school to support the initiative. £1 donation	18/10/24
PTA Halloween Disco	24/10/24
School closes for the children for the half term	24/10/24
Staff Training Day (school will be closed for the pupils)	25/10/24
School re-opens for staff and pupils	4/11/24
Flu vaccination - Years Reception- Year 6	11/11/24
Parent Evenings	18/11/24-20/11/24
Christmas Fair	30/11/24
End of term - School closes for pupils and staff	20/12/24

Drop-in Evenings - Please see the dates above. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and receive some valuable information about your child's class.

Communication - The school website (www.hooson.cymru), Schoop, the school app, and the school's X (Twitter) account is currently the main sources of communicating with you as parents/carers. Therefore, please ensure that these are regularly checked.

It will be much appreciated if all parents/carers ensure that any other adults who may be collecting the children from school are made aware of the above information. Once again, I would like to remind you to please contact your child's class teacher through their direct e-mail address if you have any questions about the activities and your child's work, or contact the office at mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk for general enquiries.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher