



# St Mary's Church in Wales Primary School

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**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Dear Parent / carers,**

Communication

- **Email:** Our school email is now up and running. Please send any correspondence, for the attention of the school to [clerk.stmarys@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.stmarys@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)
- **Parentmail** – On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October our Parentmail app will be launched. This app can be downloaded for free on any smartphone. This app will allow you to access and submit forms to the school, read newsletters and receive other important information and reminders.
- **Newsletters/ information:** After half term we will not be sending out any copies of newsletters etc. These will be emailed to you and uploaded to our Parentmail app. Please can I ask that we have your up to date email address, as it is **vital**, now more than ever, that we have clear and fast communication with you all.
- **Parent meetings** – due to the current health crisis, we are only holding emergency meetings on school premises, for issues that cannot be discussed via phone call. If you wish to discuss a matter with your child's class teacher please do phone or email the school and we will book a telephone meeting for you, with your child's class teacher. Please ensure that any concerns that you have are first addressed with your child's class teacher, then Mrs Chaplin (Deputy Head) if needed, and after that, myself. This ensures the correct information can be determined and discussed.
- **End of day pick up.** Please continue to collect your child / ren from their class. As there is a one way system in place, it is advisable to collect the oldest child /ren first. **Please observe social distancing during this time.**
- **Key Stage 2 parents:** If you wish your child to walk home, please contact the school office to give your permission. We will not allow any child / ren to leave the school premises, alone, without parental permission. If we do not have this permission your child / ren must be collected from their class pick up point. This also applies to anyone who is collecting your child / ren on your behalf.
- **Healthy snacks** – At St Mary's Church in Wales Primary we are a healthy school. This means we adhere to the healthy eating guidelines to ensure all children have a balanced diet and exercise regularly. Break time snacks are as follows: **Any fresh fruit or vegetable, cheese and / or crackers, Cereal bars, crisps, biscuits and fruit product derivatives are not permitted (eg fruit winders etc).**

*We will process your data in accordance with Protection law. For more information and access to a privacy notice outlining how the School handles your personal data, please go to the Data Protection section of the School's [website](#)*

- **Water bottles:** all children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Squash is permitted, **but only at break time and lunch time.** Please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to you as parents / carers, the children and all the staff for approaching this crazy world we now live in with grit, resilience, flexibility and positivity. We continue to do everything we possibly can to provide the safest, healthiest environment where children continue to dream, believe and achieve.

Your support, understanding and kindness at this challenging time is truly appreciated. By continuing to work together, I know that we will be able to continue to provide the best possible experiences for the children here at St Mary's, who are a credit to you as parents / carers.

Take care and stay safe

Kind Regards

Mrs P Willis

Acting Head Teacher