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September 2020 update - New routines and Wednesday pm closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final update of what has been a very unusual term. I am so pleased that we were able to see our Year 6 children this week to say a proper 'Goodbye'. They have been a great pleasure to have at Pensans and we send them to Year 7 with our warmest wishes.

As you know, the Governors have given me the task of ensuring that school can open widely and safely in September. The staff and I have worked hard to put a plan in place. To ensure that the school meets the highest standards possible we have made some changes to the school procedures. These were outlined in my letter to you last week and teachers and myself are in the process of completing films that explain the changes to you and your children. The links to the all of the films will be available on our website under the Parents Info tab.

To keep your children safe, staff will no longer have scheduled breaks in the staffroom and we are limiting the number of adults who can use the shared facilities - toilets, the office, staffroom etc. All staff are committed to making Pensans the safest and best place your children can be in the autumn term.

Until there is a vaccine available we need to be ready for potential lockdowns in the future. If we have a confirmed case of COVID19 in school, children and adults in Bubbles will need to stay at home and quarantine. If there is a local lockdown the school will close to all children apart from children categorised as vulnerable and children whose parents are key workers.

We are proud of the work that you have done over the summer term to support your children's learning at home. Staff worked hard to develop a home learning curriculum and resources, and they have been used effectively by you and your child/children.

So that we can clean the school more frequently and deeply, the school will be closed on Wednesday afternoons from Wednesday 16th September to all children apart from those in the following groups:

- Children with and EHCP
- Children with parents who are working
- Children with CP plans and CHIN plans

Your child will have home learning set for them to complete on Wednesday afternoons in the same way that they have had throughout the summer term. This will also enable us to maintain the home learning links that have been made and will be vital should children need to quarantine at home in the next academic year.

All parents will be sent a link to an online form later today. This form must be completed and submitted if you believe that your child is eligible for a place in school on Wednesday afternoons. We will confirm their place during the last week of the summer holidays.

Thank you once again for your kind words and hard work at home throughout the summer term. We can't wait to see you in September.

Best Wishes
Ms Clay