

Risca Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No 2

Monday 9th September



Dear Mums and Dads,

I am sure that you will now all be aware of the new Caerphilly local lockdown restrictions which came into force last night at 6 pm.

Naturally, as a school we are mindful of these additional restrictions, and we are aware of the impact that this will have on our community. At Risca Primary School, I will reiterate that our main priority is to keep all of our community safe; pupils, staff and parents alike.

I am sure that you will be aware that the guidance requires an increased use of face coverings in indoor areas, and employers in the Caerphilly County Borough area will also be required to mandate the use of face coverings in indoor settings where social distancing cannot be maintained. This requirement applies to everyone aged 11 and over.

You may now see our staff wearing face coverings or visors. We are asking all staff to wear visors when teaching, and additionally to wear face coverings in communal areas where they are unable to safely maintain a strict 2m social distance. I am sure that you will agree that during these times it is vital that we keep everyone as safe as possible, and therefore I hope that you will welcome these changes.

If you read the guidance you will also notice that travel for holidays is not considered a reasonable excuse for leaving the area, and therefore until we have sought advice on this, we will not be able to authorise holiday leave for pupils. Many thanks for your understanding.

I am sure that many of you will have questions about the new restrictions and how it will impact on your family. All FAQ's can be found on our Twitter feed. I hope that this will support you when making decisions when planning for the next few weeks.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of your children on Friday, we hope that they have enjoyed their week with us in their 'bubbles' and we now look forward to getting everyone back into class, and moving forward with learning.

On a different note, we have a child starting Risca Primary school this week, who suffers from a severe nut allergy. Please be mindful of what you pack in your child's lunch box, and try to avoid sending items into school that may contain nuts.

Many thanks

Mrs J Arthur.