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Information for Parents/ Carers: Ventilation and Cold Weather

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The colder winter months are fast approaching and we have already turned on our heating systems in order to increase comfort. This week, we have received information from the Vale of Glamorgan in regard to the need to ensure that all classrooms and offices in school are well-ventilated even during the colder months.

The guidance based on a report by CIBSE advises that we should ventilate spaces, such as classrooms, with outside air, as much as is reasonably possible, as one of the measures to reduce the transmission risk of Covid-19.

The report states that 'evidence continues to suggest that in poorly ventilated indoor spaces airborne aerosols are a possible transmission route.....Maintaining good levels of ventilation remains the key focus even in colder weather conditions, whilst minimising occupant discomfort due to draughts and lower indoor temperatures.'

In order to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 we will:

- Ensure all occupied areas of the school are ventilated directly through an opening to outside air.
- Ensure that outside air is introduced when the room isn't occupied. This will particularly mitigate stale air within the room.

Although we will endeavour to get the right balance between providing the extra ventilation needed and keeping the space habitable to minimise the discomfort of cold temperatures for pupils and staff within the class, we are not able to reduce the ventilation completely.

I would be grateful if all parents/carers could consider the best ways of ensuring their child(ren) are dressed warmly, including the wearing of vests, school hoodies, trousers, warm socks etc.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support during this challenging time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher