



15/07/21

Dear Parent / Guardian / Pupil,

As we reach the end of another extraordinary school year, we would like to update you on our hopes and intentions for September and the new academic year. Whilst we cannot guarantee that we can revert to pre-Covid arrangements, we would like to reflect some of what is happening in the wider society and begin to lift some of the measures we have had to put in place. These could be subject to change at any time.

THINGS WHICH WILL REMAIN THE SAME:

- ✓ The one-way system and use of the two gates adjacent to the main gate as the only point of entry to the school site. Please help us to limit the number of people on site by ensuring only one parent/guardian/family member during morning drop off and at home-time.
- ✓ All Nursery pupils will continue to enter and leave the site via the double gates behind the Nursery building.
- ✓ Pupils will remain in their contact groups for learning.
- ✓ Pupils should attend school in their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.
- ✓ The wearing of face masks on the school sites by parents/guardians unless exempt.
- ✓ Social distancing by all parents/guardians when dropping off/collecting their child/ren limited to one parent/guardian per family.
- ✓ Pupils **should not** attend school if displaying any of the extended list of possible symptoms which include: flu-like symptoms, persistent headache, runny nose or blocked nose, persistent sneezing, sore throat and/or hoarseness, shortness of breath or wheezing.
- ✓ Almost all correspondence will be sent via Schoop. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app and changed the settings to follow the relevant class/classes. Details on how to set up Schoop can be found here: https://www.ysgolgymraegcwmbbran.co.uk/docs/associated/file_6848_1597849451.pdf
- ✓ The school homework website will remain in place and the relevant link will be sent out in September.

THINGS WHICH WILL CHANGE:

- School lunches – both the salad and hot options will resume and will continue to be served in the classroom for Key Stage 2 for the first term. Foundation Phase pupils will start to eat their lunch in the school hall. The 'grab bag' option will no longer be available.
- School will no longer close early on a Friday as some members of staff will cross contact groups to enable teachers to have their allocated PPA time throughout the week. We will try to limit this as much as possible.
- School hours will be amended. Pupils will need to arrive between **8:45am** and **8:55am** – to ensure all pupils are in class by 9:00am. **Families** should be collected from the middle yard at **3:15pm**. **All pupils who do not have a sibling** in the school will be collected at **3:25pm**, pupils in Years 3-6 should be collected from the middle yard and those pupils in Reception to Year 2 should be collected from the designated areas at the front of the school. All parents/guardians should continue to leave the school site via the gate by the school garden/crossing patrol after collecting their children.
- Some assemblies will resume in the school hall. Pupils will be seated in their classes and will be sat at an appropriate distance from other classes. Whole school assemblies **will not** take place initially.
- Outdoor extra-curricular clubs will resume by year group for Key Stage 2 pupils and will take place in blocks of six weeks (more details will follow in September).

IMPORTANT DATES:

The school will be closed to pupils on Thursday, 2nd September and Friday, 3rd September as there will be staff training days. ALL pupils will return to school on 6th September and we look forward to welcoming those joining us in our Nursery and Reception classes too. There will also be a staff training day on Monday, 1st November 2021.

Words cannot express how grateful I am as Headteacher to have such a wonderful team of hardworking and compassionate staff. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year. Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi gyd.

To reiterate, we must all recognise that the COVID situation remains uncertain and there may be a need to issue further updates during the summer holiday period. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. We very much hope that the next academic year will be a smooth one and that our school community continues to stay as safe and healthy as possible.

Our very best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Evans and all the staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Cwmbrân.