



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

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21/01/2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school, we fully appreciate that supporting parents is one of our key fundamental roles to working together to support pupils and their success and happiness in school.

As part of my role as Child Protection Officer it is important for me to raise awareness with all parents that there are big changes in the law this year around physical punishment. As of **March 21st 2022** any form of physical punishment against children will become illegal. Anyone using physical punishment as a form of disciplining their children may be liable to be arrested and charged for assault. Please read the information below very carefully. The full flyer has been attached to this email.



21 March 2022 is a historic moment for children and their rights in Wales. From this day on, physically punishing children will be **illegal** in Wales. We want to help protect children and their rights, to give them the best start in life. As a parent, here's what you need to know about the change in law.

What is physical punishment?

There are lots of types of physical punishment. It can mean smacking, hitting, slapping and shaking. But there are other types too. It isn't possible to give a set list of what makes up physical punishment because it can be anything where a child is punished using physical force. Research suggests that any type of physical punishment could be harmful to children.

What does the change in law mean?

- All physical punishment will be illegal in Wales.
- It will give children the same protection from assault as adults.
- It will make the law clearer - easier for children, parents, professionals and the public to understand.

What happens if I physically punish my child from 21 March 2022?

Anyone who physically punishes a child:

- will be breaking the law
- risks being arrested or charged with assault
- may get a criminal record, which is the same for any criminal offence.

Information, advice and support is available for anyone who needs it, to help them find positive ways to manage children's behaviour and to help avoid such a situation ever happening.

Does it mean I can't discipline my child anymore?

No. Every child needs discipline; it is an essential part of good parenting. However, there is a big difference between discipline and physical punishment.

Discipline is about providing a child with boundaries, guidance and support so they learn appropriate behaviour. The change in law would not affect a parent's ability to do this.

Physical punishment is not a necessary part of disciplining children.

It may look like it works because children often stop what they're doing when they get a smack for example.

But physical punishment of children is not effective in improving children's behaviour and it doesn't help children learn about self-control or appropriate behaviour.

Physical punishment can:

- hurt a child
- make a child feel fear, anger, sadness and confusion
- give children the message that violence is ok and is an appropriate response to strong feelings
- be associated with negative outcomes for children.

For more information on ending physical punishment in Wales go to:
gov.wales/EndPhysicalPunishment

For positive parenting tips and information go to: *Parenting. Give it time:*
gov.wales/giveittime

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There are many parenting support groups and online courses available. You can sign up to the positive parenting site <https://gov.wales/parenting-give-it-time>.

As soon as covid restrictions allow, we would like to invite parents interested in developing their understanding of positive parenting into school to take part in these activities. We will inform you as soon as this is possible.

There is also an opportunity to take part in parenting classes on line with <https://inourplace.co.uk/>

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Parent Governor

There is currently 1 vacancy for the position of **parent governor**. All nominations must reach us by 4/2/2022. There will be a post box outside the main front door of the school.

Dydd Santes Dwynwen

On **Tuesday, January the 25th** we celebrate the patron saint of love in Wales, Santes Dwynwen. Don't forget to send greetings of love to your loved ones on this day to raise awareness of an important part of Welsh history and tradition. ❤️

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On this day, we will also be taking part in the Urdd's attempt to break a world record for the most uploads of a video of pupils singing the song 'Hei Mr Urdd' to their website. Find out more here - <https://www.urdd.cymru/cy/>

We ask that pupils come to school wearing red, green or white – or a combination of these colour on the day.

Sports clubs after school

We are slowly restarting after school clubs for outdoor sports only, **for years 5 and 6** week starting 31/1/2022. These clubs will be weather dependant. Information will be sent out shortly.

Every Wednesday – Football 3.20pm – 4.20pm

Every Thursday – Netball 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Dydd Gwyl Dewi / St Davids Day

On March the 1st (Tuesday) we encourage pupils to come to school dressed in traditional Welsh dress. Finesse photography will also be here to take individual photos. Unfortunately, the company's current covid risk assessment does not allow them to take photo that include siblings.

INSET

Friday 18/2/2022

Monday 21/3/2022

Extra Bank Holiday

As part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, most of Swansea schools including the Gower Cluster schools have chosen the date **April 29th 2022** as their bank holiday date. Please note it in your calendars. May 2nd is also a bank holiday.

Covid

Although I would like to write at least one letter that doesn't mention covid – unfortunately, we are not there yet. In some classes in school there are very high rates of infection, although all safety requirements that are expected of us as a school are still firmly in place. I can only urge everyone to be as vigilant to the symptoms of covid for all in your household and that if you or your child is recognised as a close contact – please remember to test **daily** using LFT. Staffing numbers are precarious as well and you may find that your child will have different teachers on different days. I apologise for this, however, trying to source teachers for agencies is very difficult and we are currently having to cover classes with internal staff.

Yours Sincerely

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