



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

Pennaeth/ Headteacher: Mrs Elin Wakeham

Mewn undod mae nerth /Stronger together

10.09.20

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been wonderful to welcome all the pupils' back to school. It's been great to see the enthusiasm and eagerness of pupils as they have returned to school. I am sure we are all glad of a bit of 'normality' in our lives. One thing we have seen during this crisis, is the importance of school life to children.

Attendance

From September the 14th, attendance will be compulsory.

Keeping us all safe

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our school remains open, and as safe as possible for pupils and staff. Therefore, we urge you ALL to follow government guidelines. We have seen recently a sudden sharp spikes of infections in various parts of Wales, cases in schools and should infections increase in the community here in Brynmill, it may very well find its way into the school.

If you, your child or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please ensure that all in your household self-isolate for 14 days and it is **essential that you inform the school if anyone is suspected or has been tested as positive for covid 19.**

Breakfast club

Breakfast club will reopen as normal on September the 14th at 7.50am until 8.15am. The price for the first half hour will be £1.50. Please ensure that you place all monies in an envelope with the name of your child on the front. It would be better, to reduce the amount of objects touched by staff, if you could pay for a week, month or half term up front.

There will be **no admittance** between 8.15am and 8.20am. From 8.20am the breakfast club will be free. **Please note** that breakfast club is now only funded for 20 minutes – therefore breakfast **will only be served** between

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8.20 and 8.40. **There will be no entry to the breakfast club after 8.35am.**

Pupils will be required to sit in zones with children from their same 'bubbles' during breakfast club. These will be clearly marked.

Lunch Time / School dinners

The cost of school dinners is **£2.40 per day or £12.00** for a whole week. Please use the **online payment system – Squid**. Please see the Swansea website or the school's website to see the menu options.

Free School Meals

Bacs payment will come to an end this week and your children will be offered a hot or cold meal option from the 14th of September.

Snacks

Please make sure your child brings into school a healthy snack and drink every day.

Clwb Gofal – After School Club

The club will reopen on the 14th of September. Children will be required to stay within their same 'bubbles' as their school bubbles and in specific zones in the club. The same risk assessment and operation guidance currently used in the school will be adopted and used by the clwb gofal.

Pick up for the clwb gofal will remain **from the hall door**. Please press the bell to alert the staff that you are outside the door. Please keep 2 m apart.

Drop off / Pick up from the September 14th

Moring drop off has worked well so far and I would like to thank all parents who have moved away quickly from the drop off zone to allow others to come to the gate. **The gate opens at 8.35am**

Pick up IMPORTANT!

We have seen that with such a large amount of children leaving through one exit and with the ongoing work on the roof, there is currently very limited space on the yard. Staff have also struggled to see parents and there have been concerns about the road.

Therefore, to ensure that we meet the expectations of the risk assessment and the operational guidance we will continue with the staggered finish time. We will ask **one** parent or carer to **come onto the yard** to stand in a designated area. There are lines on the yard to guide you to stay 2m apart. Children will be released **to you** from their class lines. If you are waiting to pick up another child from a different year, please move away from the yard and collection point until the allocated time.

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I urge you all to collect your child as promptly as possible and to move away from the yard area quickly. No parents are allowed to enter any of the school buildings.

Times for collection

Reception – 2.50pm

Year 1 and 2 – 3.00pm

Year 3 and 4 – 3.10pm

Year 5 and 6 – 3.20pm

These arrangements will be reviewed before half term.

Welcome meetings Autumn Term

A presentation for the day to day timetable of your child's class and department will be shared with you digitally by the 21st of September.

Pictures

Finesse will be in to take individual photos on Monday the 14th of September. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, these photos will take place outside and we will not be able to offer photos that include siblings or other family members.

Reminder

INSET DAY -There will be no school for children on Friday 10.09.2020

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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Head teacher

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