

Dear parent /carer,

As we reach the end of our first month back at school I thought it would be worthwhile to update you on our current circumstances, events and progress at the school.

Covid-19.

I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and patience while we come to terms with the new operating procedures outlined by Welsh Government. We have updated our Risk-Assessment (RA) to reflect the guidance and our operating procedures. The RA can be viewed on our school website.

To remind you, the guidance regarding covid cases states:

- If your child has tested positive using an LFT test, you should book a PCR test as soon as possible. You should keep your child at home until the outcome of the test.
- If your child displays any of the symptoms associated with covid-19, you should book a PCR test as soon as possible. As above, you should keep your child at home until the outcome of the test. The symptoms for Covid include a combination of continuous coughing, a high temperature and loss of taste (and possibly smell). Additional symptoms may include feeling sick or tired and possibly diarrhoea.

Please inform the school if any of the above apply to your child. Pupils who are unable to attend school for covid-19 reasons will be able to access their school-work through Google Classrooms.

Additionally, your child may be contacted by Track, Trace and Protect (TTP) and be required to self-isolate as a consequence of being identified as a close contact. You should follow the advice of TTP and also contact the school if this happens. Please note, the school is no longer responsible for identifying close contacts or informing parents and carers of positive cases.

All pupils who do not display symptoms or who have not received a positive LFT result should continue to attend school as normal. This includes brothers or sisters of positive or potential positive cases (unless told otherwise by TTP).

Please contact the school if you are at all unsure what to do, we will be happy to assist you.

Although there have been some positive cases identified amongst our pupils, the school continues to operate normally with attendance levels remaining above 90% for all year groups. Again, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and sensible decision making regarding this matter. As ever, ensuring good

communication between the school and home is key to maintaining an effective response to the continuing challenge of coronavirus.

I would also like to take this opportunity to urge all pupils to take part in our Lateral Flow Testing programme. This is a key strategy to help us combat the virus. Please contact the school through wendy.davies@ysgolbrogwaun.com to receive your free testing kits.

Uniform.

It has been a real pleasure to see our pupils wearing their uniforms this term. It has led to a purposeful and positive start to the term with pupils settling into 'school-mode' very quickly. I cannot emphasise the importance that wearing a correct uniform has on the psychology and work ethic of pupils, and the sense of pride and belonging that pupils feel when they wear our uniform. As you will know, we go out of our way with our pupils to promote pride in themselves, their school and their community, and wearing the uniform plays an important role in helping us do this. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations regarding uniform:

- When pupils do not have PE on their timetables they should wear the normal school (winter) uniform of shirt, tie, trousers or skirt and black footwear. Items of PE clothing such as the new hoodie are not a substitute for black V neck jumpers and should not be worn on days when PE is not timetabled.
- Pupils should only wear the school PE kit when they do have PE timetabled on a particular day. You will be aware that the school has added a red hoodie to the options available for PE wear. This has been done in response to the many requests we have had for an item of clothing to keep pupils warm when wearing their kits. Since this is a new item of clothing it is not compulsory that it be purchased. Instead it is permitted for pupils to wear their V neck jumpers, should they wish, instead of the hoodie during days when PE is timetabled.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or are unsure about any aspect regarding the school uniform. Please note also that means-tested uniform hardship grants are available. Again, please contact the school if you would like to find out more.

Events.

Whilst we continue to come to terms with our new operating procedures, we are all delighted to re-introduce opportunities for pupils to get involved with various sporting teams and other cultural events. The PE department have started after-school training programmes and school to school sports fixtures have also recommenced- I'm pleased to report that our year 7 and 8 netball team, and our girls football team have already achieved success against Ysgol Caer Elen- well done both teams! The weekly training programme is shown below. If your child is interested in getting involved, please ask them to see Mr Hughes or Mrs Page-Jones in the PE department, who I'm sure would be delighted to welcome them.

We are also currently busy rehearsing for our school production of 'We Will Rock You', with the aim of running three performances in December. It's great to be able to provide this experience for pupils, and again I would encourage pupils to get involved if they wish to do so. We will provide you with details of how to purchase tickets and any covid related procedures nearer to the time of the performances.

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A school cannot operate effectively without the support of parents and carers. We are in partnership, with the common goal of providing the best possible education and experience for your child(ren), and during these challenging times it is more important than ever to work together to ensure this common goal.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Paul Edwards