



*Tyfu gyda'n gilydd, dysgu am byth*  
*Growing together, learning forever*

4th September 2024

## RE: WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to all our school families, those returning and those joining us for the first time. It's been lovely to see our new and existing pupils settling into their new classes and into the routines of the school day. This first letter is mainly just to offer a few reminders on some aspects of school life – further information is provided in the [school prospectus](#), available on the website, so please do take a look there if you want to clarify anything, or get in touch and staff will be happy to answer any questions.

There is a welcome slideshow for each year group on the [class pages area of the website](#) which includes information such as PE days, reading books etc. During the year, teachers will also share information with parents, including topic plans via Google Classroom, which is available via Hwb.

Our first parent consultation evenings will be on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. The focus will be on how your child has settled in, any particular points to discuss for the year ahead and teachers will offer some guidance on how you can further support your child's learning at home. (Booking details will be provided later in late September). In the meantime, should you wish to speak to your class teacher, staff are often available after school, or please contact the office and they will get aim to get back to you within 48 hours. Unless urgent, please avoid discussions with staff at the start of the day, as their priority needs to be getting the children in, settled and registered.

### **Breaktimes and Lunchtimes**

All pupils are now entitled to 'universal' free school meals, although a small number of families are in arrears from last term, so the office staff will get in touch in due course to resolve this. For those having packed lunches, please provide a balanced packed lunch in containers that the children are able to handle independently and require minimal support from staff ([see WG Healthy Lunchboxes leaflet](#)). Glass containers, cans, fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed. Please also avoid products that include nuts (e.g. fruit bars containing nuts, hazelnut spread) to help us avoid risks to pupils with nut allergies (this does not extend to products marked 'may contain nuts').

In line with government expectations, pupils are allowed and encouraged to [bring water \(only\) to school for in-class use](#), ideally in a reusable water bottle. All class sinks have drinkable water supplies. Pupils may [only bring fruit or vegetables for their morning snack](#). Staff are likely to speak to pupils if this is not being followed to politely remind them of expectations.

### **Arriving at school.**

The doors for (free) breakfast club are open from 8:20am – 8:30am. Please speak to office staff if you would like to access this as children need to be registered in advance. The normal school day begins at 8:50am, so pupils need to be at their classroom door for this time, ready to come straight in. If you arrive late for any reason, please come to the main Reception.

Please can parents help us to ensure that children do not use the climbing / fitness equipment at the start and end of the day, as there is no supervision in place. Also, pupils (and adults!) are not to cycle / scoot within the school grounds for the safety of the hundreds of pedestrians using the site at that time.

### **Lost Property**

Please put your children's name on... everything! Despite our best efforts, we continually have large amounts of (un-named) lost property including coats, lunch bags, shoes (?), water bottles and of course uniform, especially jumpers. Please ask at the office if you want to look through the lost property as we do need to clear these out periodically.

### **Forthcoming dates**

The October half term is from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

We have two INSET days this term which will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The Autumn term ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Further term dates are available at:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/term-dates/>

Kind Regards



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