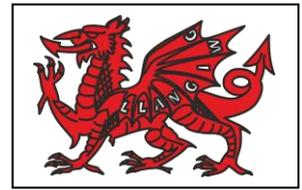


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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we end this academic year and look back on the weeks that have gone by, I can truly say on behalf of all the staff, that we have missed the children, families and community terribly. It is hard to comprehend how so many weeks have been lost, but we as a Llangiwg Primary School family have loved and appreciated catching up with children over the past few weeks in school, through telephone conversations and emails.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their support and resilience. Parents, you have done a great job supporting and teaching your children at home, a role that you may not have thought you would need to fill. The children have been amazing doing their best to make sense of the pandemic and live with uncertainties in a world they do not recognise.

Staff, who have been working from home planning learning tasks for pupils, supporting keyworkers' children and vulnerable families in local school hubs and of course turning our school environment into a safe place to be ready for our checking in and catching up sessions. I need to say a huge thank you to Mrs Worts in our school office who has been my right hand woman throughout these last few months, emailing, texting and co-ordinating so much away from our school. Thank you to you all.

Goodbyes

I need to also say a warm heart felt goodbye to our Year 6 children. I am so disappointed that you have ended your last primary year in this way. The activities and opportunities that you've unfortunately missed cannot be given back but a great leavers send-off can be organised when the world has calmed down and normality is much safer. I hope you like your leaving gift as a memory from your time at Llangiwg Primary.

We also have to say goodbye to Mrs Smith, who has welcomed her beautiful baby boy to the world during lockdown. Mrs Smith has chosen to not return and we wish her all the health and happiness in future. Also, Miss Williams is leaving to pursue her dreams of becoming a teacher and is off to university. Good luck to you both.

Other information

Reports will be given to the children who are attending school and if you have younger siblings in our school who are not attending they will be in their envelope as well. All other reports will be posted to you. Reporting on the children's achievement's felt very strange this year. The children have not been taught by us since March, but the reports are a measure of ability until then. We have also removed the attendance figure this year as it seemed a little meaningless to us all.

Since having the guidance I can inform you that in the Autumn Term we as a school will work diligently on ensuring we give all children the opportunities to nurture good wellbeing and mental health. We will balance this with robust learning with a focus to catch up on lost teaching over the last few months. Our aim is to channel our attention onto wellbeing, literacy, numeracy and digital competence.

School will be back to whole classes in September. Kirsty Williams has announced that schools are entitled to take time to plan and prepare the schools for the changes, so we will be taking Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd to organise the school and prepare for the children's return. Year groups R-Yr6 will be back on Thursday 3rd September. As shared in my previous letter, they will stay with their current teacher for the Thursday and Friday to get a sense of normality being back in school with friends. On the Monday 7th September they will go to their next class teacher and start their new year. Nursery 1 and 2 pupils will have a separate letters informing you of their start dates.

We will not be having any mass gatherings in the hall e.g. school assemblies. Reflection time will be done within the classroom.

Children and staff will still be following our social distancing policy in school, traffic system in school by keeping to the left etc.

The classes will still remain in isolated bubbles throughout the day. There will be staggered start and end times, playtimes and lunchtimes. Staff will have to remain social distancing but it is understood that children do not have to with one another.

Please see the times below for each year group.

Start times

8.40am	8.50	9.00
Year 5/6	Year 4/5	Year 2/3
Year 1	Nursery	Reception

Nursery am		Nursery pm	
8.50am	11.20am	12.40pm	3.10pm

Collection times

3.10pm	3.20pm	3.30pm
Year 5/6	Year 4/5	Year 2/3
3.00pm	3.10pm	
Year 1	Reception	

Again, please can I ask parents to be punctual on arrival and collection so that we can help other families social distance in large groups at the school sites. Siblings can enter the school at the time of their older siblings start time.

Breakfast Club and After school clubs

Breakfast club and afterschool clubs will not operate for the first half term. This will be reviewed during the half term and when we have more guidance.

Lunch

If you would like a lunch provided by school you will need to pay via ParentPay. If you need guidance on this please phone the office or your child can bring in a packed lunch and water bottle.

Uniform

Pupils will be encouraged to wear school uniform in September. This will give them a sense of community and belonging to our school family.

Personal belongings

We will be limiting the items children can bring from home. Children will not be able to bring pencil cases or school bags.

Class structure- Monday 7th September

Little school

Ms Hayward, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Davies and Miss Davies - **Nursery, Reception and Year 1**

Main building

Mr Hawkins, Mrs Thomas and Mrs George- **Year 2/3**

Mrs Jones, Miss Parry am, Miss Davies pm- **Year 4/5**

Mr Ardolino- **Year 5/6**

Covid 19

The guidance still remains that any pupils or family members with Covid19 symptoms must abide by the advice for households as previous shared. Please do not send pupils into school if they present unwell or you have known family members unwell. Please refer to the self-isolation guidance.

Hygiene and self-care in school remains a priority and pupils will be very familiar with our current practice. For those who haven't been attending school before the summer holidays the children will pick this up very quickly. School Risk assessments will be altered for September to include the changes set by Welsh Government.

Summer holidays

I sincerely hope that everyone can have a lovely summer holiday and we can look forward to a new start in September in our new normal. On our school website you will have a summer camp challenge and catch up packs in the class pages and also placed in shared files in Hwb, if you wish for your children to keep on top of their learning in readiness for September. We all know that another six weeks at home may be long and the tasks will interest the children to have a go.

As always, these arrangements may alter if new guidance is shared with us before the Autumn term. Although, the start dates for pupils should remain the same.

We are all looking forward to having the children back in school, and although we face challenges ahead, I know that we will face them together as our Llangiwig family.

Please keep safe and take care,

Miss Woodham