

School Newsletter

Together We Nurture, Inspire and Achieve

Message from Mr Harris

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been lovely to have all children from Nursery to Year 6 back in school this week. Huge thank you to all staff and parents for working with us to make the social distancing work as well as it possibly can.



SCHOOL PLANS AND PROCEDURES

School will continue for the next few weeks with staggered start and end times. The start times will remain at 8:40am, 8:50am and 9:00am. The children are hand washing and sanitising throughout the day and we are able to keep them in their class “bubbles”.

The procedures at the end of the day are also staggered and will remain the same finishing times. 15:00, 15:10, 15:20 & 15:30. Could I please ask that from next week only ONE parent bring their child into the school yard. This will help to reduce the numbers on the yard at one given time. Also please adhere to the one way system. I have been made aware that some parents are not adhering to the rules, this is a precautionary COVID 19 safety decision which and if people continue to break the rule then I will be forced to review the Risk Assessment and make the decision to remove parents from the school yard. This is something I don't want to do.

The Dinner times and plans have been changed since my last letter. We are now having Reception to Year 6 pupils who are having school dinners into the hall, all



Contact with Parents

We are looking at various ways of enabling teachers to contact you as parents. The current guidelines means we are unable to host parent meetings therefore we are looking at other digital solutions.



1

TWITTER

Information and pupil work has been shared here. @GnollPrimary

2

TEXT 2 PARENTS

Messages and information are shared with parents via text messages.

3

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Messages and information shared via posts and you can leave comments.

remaining in their bubbles and socially distancing from the other classes/bubbles. The packed lunches are now eating their dinners in the classrooms, supervised by Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors. Our Cook Jo is now back with us. The replacement Cook was wonderful and had been talking to Jo everyday on how to prepare the meals the “Jo Way”. I tasted the food and can honestly say I could not taste a difference.

The Free School Meal Grant is payable until 11th September, therefore payment is required for any meals that your child/children have up to this date- payment can be made via ParentPay. This includes any meals had from 30th June to 17th July 2020 during the school phased return period. From the 12th September, if you are in receipt of free school meals, I believe the payments will be stopped to your bank accounts and school will revert to the normal school system.

If your circumstances have changed or you are unsure of eligibility, information can be found on the Neath Port Talbot website or by contacting Schools and Family Support on 01639 763515

LUNCH TIME PROVISION

Foundation Phase

Class	Outdoor Play 11:30 – 12:00pm	Lunch Time 12:00 – 12:30pm	Outdoor Play 12:30-13:00
“Y Crug” Reception SC	Reception Yard	Packed Lunch in Class Dinners in the Hall on designated tables for each class	
“Nedd” Reception/Yr1 NJ	Area 1 Foundation Phase Yard		
“Bryn” Year 1 AD	Area 2 Foundation Phase Yard		
“Waun Fach” Yesr1/Year2 DH			Area 1 Foundation Phase Yard
“Cleddau” Year 2 VG			Area 2 Foundation Phase Yard
“Yr Enfys” Rainbow Rooms			Rainbow Yard

Key Stage 2

Class	Outdoor Play 11:30 – 12:00pm	Lunch Time 12:00 – 12:30pm	Outdoor Play 12:30-13:00
“Pen-Y-Fan” Year 3 JJ	Football Pitch	Packed Lunch in Class Dinners in the Hall on designated tables for each class	
“Taff” Year 3 SM	Wildlife Garden		
“Cadair Idris” Year 4 JT	Area 1 Key Stage 2 Yard		
“Tywi” Year 4/Year 5 EP	Area 2 Key Stage 2 Yard		

“Tryfan” Year 5 LD			Football Pitch
“Yr Hafren” Year 6 EF			Area 1 Key Stage 2 Yard Yard
“Yr Wyddfa” Year 6 NB			Area 2 Key Stage 2 Yard Yard



BREAKFAST CLUB

Next week you will be asked via a survey whether or not you will require breakfast club provision. This will be reduced to begin with due to the restrictions in place. We will be looking to start a limited number of spaces for breakfast the week starting September 28th. Further information will be distributed next week.

SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

During the summer holidays, there were some substantial changes made to the school. Due to the increase in pupil numbers, the iZone (School Library) had to be refurbished as a new classroom.

The iZone/Library is now in the support room under the Key Stage 2 Canopy. Both refurbished rooms look amazing. Reception & Year 1 Yard (The old Nursery Yard) has also been refurbished and we have had a new canopy, yard surface and new colorful railings. This again is a wonderful feature which will enhance the outdoor provision for our Reception and Year 1 pupils. The Rainbow Yard has also been refurbished and we now have a more user friendly environment for our pupils.

REMOTE/FLEXIBLE LEARNING PLATFORM

During the period of lockdown, we created a new digital area on our school website to support the remote learning. We are currently updating our practice and your class area will be live by the end of the week.

Link below:

<https://gnoll-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/virtual-classrooms/>

Finally, it has been a great first two weeks back after a long period of time away from school. We at Gnoll Primary are all committed to providing your children with the very best support and education throughout this difficult time. We will continue to support you as best we can and communication is so critical to us all. We will continue to communicate with you as parents during this time via text message, Twitter and the Gnoll Primary School website.

“Diolch o’r Galon Pawb”.