

# YSGOL GYNRADD BLAENGWRACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the Education Minister's announcement that all schools in Wales will re-open in September for all children. I am very pleased to enclose the following details relating to all full time children returning to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. New Nursery pupils will have separate letters regarding their start dates and times in the next few days.

There will still be restrictions around adults onto the premises; if you need to speak to us please ring the school and we can deal with your query/ concerns as soon as it is possible. We would appreciate your patience in the mornings, in order to avoid delays in getting pupils into school, please could you write any concerns in the KIT book which will be checked daily- this means of communication is more important than ever now. Breakfast club and after school clubs will be closed initially and reviewed on a regular basis, our hope is we can establish breakfast club as soon as possible when it is safe to do so.

From Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September school will open for all full time pupils between **8.40am - 9.05am**. Having tried staggered start times over the last 3 weeks instead we are going to enable parents the flexibility of arriving at school during this time slot to support pupils who have siblings in other classes and minimise large gatherings at both entrances. Junior pupils who have infant siblings should use the **infant entrance** in School Street where they will be met by a member of the junior team to guide them up to their class.

### **Miss Gaze Nursery/ Reception**

Please bring children into the Nursery/ Reception yard where you will be met by Miss Gaze and Mrs Rychly.

### **Mrs Jardine Reception/ Year 1**

Please enter the Nursery gate from School Street and turn right where you will be met at the internal gate by Mrs Jardine. You will then exit through the infant gate onto School Street to ensure a one way system. Cones will be placed to enable social distancing.

## **Miss Edwards      Year 1/ Year 2**

Please enter the Nursery gate from School Street and turn right where you will be met at the internal gate by Miss Edwards. You will then exit through the infant gate onto School Street to ensure a one way system. Cones will be placed to enable social distancing.

### **All Junior Pupils**

Please enter the main gate on Heol Wenallt by the office and staff will direct pupils straight to their classes.

At home time all pupils will leave, the same way they arrived, at 3.20pm.

- It is essential that we follow the Government information relating to signs and symptoms of COVID. Please do not send your child into school if they display any of the symptoms and let us know as soon as possible.
- Children will regularly hand wash and sanitise throughout the day.
- Pupils can bring sandwiches but there will be hot lunches available. Junior meals will be eaten in classrooms and Infants will eat in the dining hall with their friends.
- ParentPay is in the process of being set up- we will keep you updated.
- Children can bring in a fruit snack for morning break- we are unable to provide fruit during this period.
- Children can bring in their own water bottle for use during the day or a school water bottle will be provided and cleaned daily.
- Children should wear school uniform- details can be found on the school website- School Information page and Prospectus & Policies page. Ties (elastic & standard) are available at the school £3.50 each (please send in correct money in an envelope).
- Please could you send in Reception to Year 6 pupils with a PE kit- black shorts & white polo shirt, that will be kept in your child's locker and will be sent home periodically for laundering.
- Children should not bring in pencil cases, as a resource pack has been made up for every child so that they only use one set of equipment each.
- Please note in the KIT book on their return to school if your child has your permission to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.
- Unfortunately we cannot share food from home for the time being; please could you avoid sending in birthday cakes.

All the staff in the school are looking forward to welcoming you back and doing our best to make sure that the transition back into school is as smooth as possible. Our main focus as always will be on the wellbeing and safety of the children.

Kind regards  
*Mrs S. Sharp*