

YSGOL GYNRADD BLAENGWRACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following the Welsh Government announcement on Wednesday 3rd March that junior pupils will be returning to school, we are very pleased to inform you that all junior pupils can return to school on Monday 15th March.

In line with the risk assessment on our website, the daily routine for all junior pupils will be the same as it was in the autumn term. Pupils can arrive between 8:40 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at the Heol Wenallt entrance by the main office. If you also have a child in the infants, junior siblings can be dropped off at School Street as per our procedures in the autumn term.

Collection time is 3:00 p.m. for Year 3/4, 3.10 p.m. for Year 4/5 and 3:20 p.m. for Year 5/6. If you also have an infant child the juniors will be brought down to meet them.

Following the latest government guidance to ensure all our safety, **ALL** visitors on or around the premises should wear a mask and adhere to 2 metre social distancing. There is signage around the school to remind you about this and all staff will meet you at the gate with a mask, please wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child. This will ensure that we keep our community safe and reduce the possibility of transmission.

Please do not send your children to school if they or any other household members have any of the following symptoms: **temperature, persistent cough and/ or loss of taste and smell**. If anyone in the household has any of the above symptoms please ensure the household stay home until you have contacted 111. Recent health advice is to keep children home from school if they are unwell with **any** symptoms as there are now new emerging symptoms that could be related to the virus.

We are delighted that the children are returning. Our junior pupils have amazed us with their brilliant online learning. They have become extremely skilled at completing work online in the Hwb and sharing it with their teachers. I'd like to thank you all for supporting them at home with their learning and encouraging them to engage with the work every day- they have made great progress on which we can build when they return to school.

Please ensure you continue to follow government guidelines relating to activities outside school hours. Although the children will be kept securely in their class bubbles whilst in school, it's important to remember we need to limit contact outside school to minimise transmission.

Please could the children return in school uniform, with their book bag and KIT book. If your child is having a packed lunch please provide a drink and we will provide a school water bottle for each child to have a drink throughout the day.

Breakfast Club will continue for emergency child care only; this will ensure the numbers are limited and it can be run safely with children sat in their class bubbles two metres apart. If numbers rise we will have to review and limit this provision due to our small infant hall and the lack of space. We appreciate your cooperation and support with this matter.

Thank you for your continued support during these very difficult times; we have been overwhelmed by the support from our wonderful school community and the fantastic engagement with the home learning.

Take care and stay safe from all the staff at the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sharp