

# YSGOL GYNRADD BLAENGWRACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Year Six families,

I just wanted to update you on some information that affects our Year 6 Leavers Assembly that we had planned for 1.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

As you know, I had set this date some time ago as I hoped that we would be able to have a celebration together – both school and families. I have attended two Headteacher meetings in the past week, including one with our Director of Education, Mr Andrew Thomas, where schools in Neath Port Talbot are being directed **not** to host events and activities leading up to the end of term with families and spectators present.

We know that the number of Covid-19 cases are on the rise, and in the meeting with the Director we were informed that in Wales, we are already in the third wave. It is for these reasons that the Senior Leadership Team in Neath Port Talbot Local Authority are against events that involve gatherings in person indoors and out because of the anticipated risks.

As you can imagine, this has caused us as a staff much disappointment, as we had hoped that we could celebrate this event with our families, following Welsh Government guidelines and our Risk Assessment, but completely understand the decision made by Mr Thomas and his team. None of us want to see a spike in cases when we have all worked so hard to get this far.

Our Leavers Assembly will still take place at 1.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July but will be via Teams. I have spoken with Miss Harwood, Headteacher of Cwmnedd, and Mrs Evans, Headteacher of YGG Cwmnedd, and know that their Leavers events will be celebrated in exactly the same way. We will make a recording of the event just in case you encounter any connection issues on the day as a back-up plan. All of the Year 6 pupils have access to Teams through their Hwb accounts and have used it frequently so you can access Teams using their log-in details. We can look at this as positive in some ways, as there will now be no restriction on the numbers in each family who get to see the event.

My priority is to ensure that our Year 6 children have the best time over the next few weeks, and the best possible send off, to make memories that they will take with them. I know I speak for Mrs H. Thomas and the school staff too when I say we will do our utmost to make the Leavers Assembly special.

Thank you for your support and understanding as always,

Best wishes  
*Mrs S. Sharp*