



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear parent /guardian

I hope you are all well and all year 6 are looking forward to joining us at YBB. As well as the information distributed by Mr Rees I wanted to highlight the most important points for our new year 7 pupils.

As you will be aware we have included year 6 in as many transition opportunities as possible during these strange times and I would like to remind you of the following links should you wish to refer to again over the summer holidays.

1. Our Transition Booklet can be found on website <https://ysgolbaebaglan.j2bloggy.com/blog/year-6-transition-information/>
2. Meet the Teachers Flip Grid <https://flipgrid.com/ybbtransition>
3. A virtual tour of the school with the headteacher Mr R. Rees can be found at <https://youtu.be/1foDFIU VX-0>

Pupils have also been encouraged to work on our Local Heroes transition project which can be found at <http://ptlocalheroes.wordpress.com>, work can be submitted at Jennifer.James@taitarian.co.uk for inclusion in our legacy website. In addition one of our stakeholders The Yellow Sands Foundation, has just teamed up with Swansea University to offer STEM activities for 15 days during August so please sign up at <https://technocamps.com/en/news/technocamps-summer-of-stem>.

As we reopen we aim to provide an educational experience as close to as “normal” as possible and our plan has been developed using the key principle of preventing infection by reducing contacts as set out by the Education Minister including:

1. grouping learners together,
2. avoiding contact between groups as much as possible,
3. arranging classrooms with forward facing desks where possible,
4. staff maintaining distance from learners and other staff as much as possible.

To this end we will be opening for our new year 7 students on Thursday September 3rd at 8.30 am and will be the only Key Stage three pupils to be in school on that day so that they can settle into school more easily. They should enter school via the main gate adjacent to the main car park. Here they will be met by myself and Mr Rees and directed to an exclusive entrance for year 7 pupils. Pupils who are taxied in will arrive around the rear of the school where again they will be met by staff and directed into school. Upon entering the building, they will be greeted by Mrs Harries, who they have all met in their primary schools and Mr D. Grounds their Wellbeing Director.

Pupils will be allocated a room which will be based upon their teaching group as opposed to their form group. They will receive pastoral guidance from a member of the year 7 pastoral team, however this may not now be their form teacher as it would have been the case under normal circumstances as we are minimising the number of contacts pupils make whilst in school.

Break and lunchtimes will be staggered, and pupils will be kept within their class bubbles with teachers now moving to the teaching groups as opposed to the other way around. This again is to minimise contact and ensure the wellbeing of all members of our school community. You should have received a letter regarding the use of parent pay and how to top up accounts, however do not worry if this has not reached you as no pupils will be left without the opportunity to receive a school meal if they so wish. School will finish at 3.00pm.

I would like to reassure everyone that we will do our utmost to settle all pupils into receiving the curriculum they deserve during these strange times. If you have any questions please use the primary school's transition Flipgrid as the responses can be posted for the benefit of others. I hope this will allay any anxieties and I would encourage you to look out for further updates on the school website and to follow me @YBB_Middle on Twitter.

Kind Regards

Take Care



Anthony Marchant
Head of Middle School