



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear parent /guardian

I hope you are all well and all our new entrants 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 them again.

1. Our Transition Booklet can be found on website <https://ysgolbaebaglan.i2bloggy.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/1foDFIUVX-0>

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 8.35 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. They will then 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 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. Further guidance on the use of face coverings is being issued and is posted on the school website. The full return to school document can be viewed at <https://t.co/qvax5w6UC6>.

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 2.50pm.

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 further questions, please contact me, Mr D. Grounds, or Dr J Peachey their Learning Director. There will be a lot to take in, but we will manage this together as a team, to ensure pupils can safely restart their learning journey. I hope this will allay any anxieties and I look forward to welcoming pupils on Thursday.

Kind Regards

Take Care

Anthony Marchant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Marchant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Head of Middle School