



Ysgol Bae Baglan

Headteacher Mr R. Rees
Senior Leadership Team Mr G. Williams, Mr S. Davies, Miss N. Williams
Mrs K. Palmer, Mr A. Marchant, Mrs S. Rogers, Ms C. Prescott, Mrs K. Willment

Seaway Parade, Port Talbot, SA12 7BL
Tel: 01639 508540
11th September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All year groups have now been back in school for a week and I would like to sincerely thank the school community for its efforts in ensuring that pupils can get back to learning in as safe a way as possible. It has been lovely to see pupils returning to school and I have been very proud of the mature way in which pupils have adapted to a very different routine. Likewise, staff have had to adapt and move around more than usual and I applaud them for their efforts to date. I would also like to thank parents/guardians for their patience and support – the amount of information coming from various sources I know can be somewhat overwhelming at times and the national situation around COVID19 changes regularly. We will continue to review our procedures and liaise with the Local Authority and communicate to parents regularly through our school website and social media channels in particular.

Social Distancing

We would like to remind all parents and pupils to try and socially distance when arriving and leaving school.

Face Coverings

Neath Port Talbot Council has issued advice on the use of face coverings which can be accessed on <https://www.npt.gov.uk/22550>

On home to school transport and public transport face coverings must be worn by youngsters aged 11 or over. The Council has concluded that face masks in primary schools are **not** recommended at this time. In the secondary phase, the council recommends that the relevant age groups wear face coverings in communal areas. **I expect all pupils in Years 7 to 11 to be wearing face coverings when arriving at school and when in corridors or communal areas.**

COVID 19 symptoms and self-isolation

If your child, or anyone in the household has the following symptoms, please do not send your child to school. You must get tested and isolate whilst awaiting results:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Test, Trace and Protect (TTP)

Can I remind you that we have published on the school website information for Staff/Parents/Guardians on what to expect in the event of a phone call from a member of the TTP team.

http://d6vsczyu1rky0.cloudfront.net/36504_b/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/TTP-Information-for-Schools-staff-parents-guardians-Aug-2020.pdf

Free School Meal Entitlement

Please see the link for any parent/guardian who feels that their child might be eligible for free school meals: <https://www.npt.gov.uk/1317>

It is important to note that a child starting school for the first time must complete an application for free school meals, even if they have a sibling at the same school or another school who is already getting free school meals. Awards will not be automatically made where siblings are in receipt of free school meals. Free School payments from the Local Authority have now stopped and normal free schools will be available in school from Monday.

Primary Phase

The children's PE days are below. On PE days we request that pupils wear their PE kit all day

<i>Morning Nursery</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Afternoon Nursery</i>	<i>Fridays</i>
<i>Reception (JHU)</i>	<i>Mondays</i>	<i>Year 1 (MRI)</i>	<i>Fridays</i>
<i>Year 1/2 (JHA)</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Year 2 (VDA)</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>
<i>Year 3 (CJE)</i>	<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>Year 3/4 (CJO)</i>	<i>Mondays</i>
<i>Year 4/5 (DRI)</i>	<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Year 5/6 (JDA)</i>	<i>Tues & Thurs (Week1)</i> <i>Tues & Fri (week2)</i>
<i>Year 6 (JWE)</i>	<i>Tues & Thurs (Week1)</i> <i>Tues & Fri (week2)</i>		

- Parents are reminded that they need to pay £1 per week via ParentPay, if they wish their children to have fruit from school. Pupils are able to bring in their own fruit.
- Only one adult per household brings/picks up the children.
- All parents and older siblings picking up pupils at the end of the day need to join the end of the queue on arrival.
- Please can parents adhere to designated drop off and pick up times.

Once again, can I thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing working in partnership with you in supporting all pupils.

Yours sincerely,
R Rees
Headteacher