



# Llangewydd Junior School

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ALNCo. : Mrs T Porter; Senior Leadership Team: Mrs J Davies & Mrs W Mitchell

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Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,  
Dear Parents/Carers

## Inappropriate computer games

I overheard two year 4 pupils discussing computer games today: One child said they were at 'Level 50', the other was 'Level 51'. I asked them what game this was and they replied that it was 'GTA' or 'Grand Theft Auto'.

This is an extremely violent game which should never be accessed by our pupils under any circumstances. I am sure the parents of these children would not allow them to see films with an 18 Certificate and so it baffles me why they are encouraged to play computer games with the same guidance. This matter was discussed in our morning briefing and while we will do all we can in school to make pupils aware of the dangers of these games, I also have a duty in my capacity as head teacher, to consider whether parents/guardians are taking enough account of their safeguarding responsibilities when matters such as these come to my attention.

Please be aware that allowing children to access such games is clearly a safeguarding failing on the part of parents/ guardians and one where I may need to notify social services of this failing.

## Pupil safety at the start of the school day

Several teachers have expressed concern about pupil safety at the start of the school day. Teachers have mentioned that pupils of ours often step out from between parked cars and often do not demonstrate appropriate 'road-sense'. Please remind your children that they must be alert and sensible when crossing the road and to avoid crossing between parked cars.

## Cycling to school

Only children who wear **cycling helmets** should cycle to school. Children must not cycle to school unless a helmet is worn. Children who scooter to school should also wear a helmet.

## Appropriate clothing for pupils

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. We try our very best to ensure pupils can access the outdoors when appropriate and this is only possible at times when pupils have a coat in school.

## Appropriate clothing for adults

Please do not drop off (or pick up) your child at school while you are wearing your night clothes.



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## **After School Clubs**

Clubs are voluntarily run by individual staff members; if a child does not come to a club, their absence is not pursued, as to do so would render clubs impractical to run. When determining whether to allow your child to walk home, please be mindful that the nights are drawing in and that the roads around us can be very busy. If your child is to be collected, please ensure that you arrive before 4.15pm (except cookery club). Late collection of pupils jeopardises them being able to attend after school clubs.

## **'Paid for' after school club**

There is an after school facility, run independently. For more information or to book, please call 01656 372910 or email [fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:fionna@simplyoutofschool.co.uk) or [mma@simplyoutofschool.co.uk](mailto:mma@simplyoutofschool.co.uk).

***Please refer to last week's emailed newsletter detailing the dates and times of the Christmas Concerts.***

## **School Calendar**

We enter all upcoming events on the Llangewydd Junior School Calendar, which can be found on the home page of our website at: <http://www.llangewydd.co.uk/>

Thank you for your support.

**Neil Clode**