

Llangewydd Junior School

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September 11th 2020

Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr, Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all so much for your cooperation this week. The support we have had from our wider school community has been wonderful. All of our children have begun their autumn term topics and the teaching and learning across the school is as exciting as it has always been. Hearing the children play, learn, engage with their classmates and laugh out loud has been good for the soul in these challenging times.

Covid-19 Testing

While this week we have had several children and staff who have had symptoms which could be interpreted as Covid-19 type symptoms, no pupil or adult has tested positive for Covid-19 and In all cases we have followed our risk assessment protocols and procedures. We do recognise however that infection rates are increasing across the country and we must remain ever-vigilant. Should you be contacted to collect your child, as they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, you must do immediately; we are having difficulty getting hold of parents and carers at times. Please ensure that phones are not set to answerphone and that in the 'back of your mind' you may be asked to collect your child at any time.

School Photos

These are scheduled for September 18th. We are satisfied we can undertake these in our 'bubbles' and have control measures in place to support this. There will be no sibling or family photos.

Breakfast Club

We are waiting to hear from the local authority as to the progress of their risk assessments as far as they relate to our school. Once we have these we can progress with our approach to opening.

After School Club

The 'Simply out of School' provision will begin again on Monday (September 14th). Although housed in one of our portacabins, this is a wholly separate provision from Llangewydd Junior School. Llangewydd junior School will not be overseeing the arrangements within the club and will not be enforcing a bubble system within which pupils exist while in our school.

<u>Arrangements for the start and end of the school day</u> - today (September 11th) concludes our 'transition week' where certain parents are allowed on our premises.





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Year 3

On an ongoing basis, all pupils in year 3 must only use the main pedestrian entrance on Heol Y Frenhines. This entrance and exit is shared with pupils from year 5 but year 5 pupils will arrive earlier and leave earlier than year 3 pupils each day. From Monday September 14th year 3 pupils will continue to arrive at school at 9am but the parents and carers of year 3 pupils will not be allowed onto school premises unless explicitly invited (as with other parents). At 3.35pm individual classes will be brought to the exit on Heol y Frenhines with J1 being 'released' first, followed by J2 and then J3.

Year 4

Continue with the current system, which is: Year 4 are the only year group who are allowed to enter the school via the Llangewydd Road entrance and they must do so between 8.50am and 9.00am. Even if you live on Heol Y Frenhines or on the Heol Y Frenhines side of the school your child must enter through the Llangewydd Road entrance (pupils will be redirected to this entrance if they present at the Heol Y Frenhines entrance). Pupils will not be handed over from school to parents at the end of the school day, they will instead appear from the Llangewydd Road entrance from 3.25pm.

Year 5

Continue with the current system, which is: Year 5 pupils enter the school between 8.50am and 9am. They should ideally arrive unaccompanied but must only use the main pedestrian entrance from Heol Y Frenhines. Year 5 share this entrance and exit with year 3 who will arrive slightly later in the morning and leave slightly later in the afternoon. Even if you live on Llangewydd Road or on the Llangewydd Road side of the school your child must enter through the Heol Y Frenhines entrance (pupils will be redirected to this entrance if they present at the Llangewydd Road entrance). Pupils will not be handed over from school to parents at the end of the school day, they will instead appear from the Heol y Frenhines entrance from 3.25pm.

Year 6

Continue with the current system, which is: Year 6 pupils enter the school between 8.50am and 9am. They should ideally arrive unaccompanied but must only use the 'lower' pedestrian entrance from Heol Y Frenhines, not the main Heol y Frenhines entrance. As stated above, even if you live on Llangewydd Road or on the Llangewydd Road side of the school your child must enter through this 'lower' Heol Y Frenhines entrance (pupils will be redirected to this entrance if they present elsewhere). Pupils will not be handed over from school to parents at the end of the school day, they will instead appear from the 'lower' Heol y Frenhines entrance from 3.25pm. Please don't arrive too early as you will be in the Base Pupils leaving area with the parents of pupils in the Base if you do.

Base Pupils

In the mornings, Base pupils not travelling by taxi, should arrive in school at between 9.00 am and 9.10am. School will finish for Base pupils at 3.10pm. At this time the lower gate will be opened. Parents of pupils in the Base will no longer be able to enter onto school premises after today.



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How you can support your child upon their return to school

- When discussing school with your child do so in a way which focuses on positive aspects
 of the return, such as meeting up with their friends and classmates, learning with their new
 teacher
- Make sure that your child is reminded regularly of appropriate hygiene precautions they must make in your absence.
- If you feel they can make their way to and from school unaccompanied but feel they may need some guidance, practise walking the route with them and showing them what to do.

How you must support our school with Covid-19 issues and potential issues.

- You must not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid19.
- If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 you should phone your child's doctor and obtain their advice or phone 119. It is possible that you will be asked to accompany your child to have a Covid-19 test and your child must not attend school until this test has returned negative or until the necessary period of isolation has been undertaken.
- If your child loses any bodily fluids (such as a nose bleed) you may be asked to collect your child from school.
- If your child is physically sick in school you will be asked to collect them immediately and they will then not be able to attend school on the following 2 calendar days.

Other Matters

- Please continue to provide your child with a water bottle. The water fountain will be closed but we have a number of drinking water points from which your child can fill or refill their bottle.
- In accordance with the latest Welsh Government guidance we do <u>not</u> expect our pupils to wear face masks although some choose to do so. It has been recommended by our local authority that staff should wear masks in communal areas and all staff in our school have been provided with both face coverings and a clear visor.
- Please make sure your child brings a coat to school.
- Parking considerately at all school entrances makes a significant difference to the safety of our school community.

Kindest Regards,

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Neil Clode