



Llangewydd Junior School

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Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,
Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed changes to our bubble structure

The following is applicable to our mainstream provision only, not the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) which will not be impacted by these changes (Please be assured that we will follow all the necessary processes and procedures surrounding social distancing, cleanliness, ventilation and all and any other Welsh Government guidance):

When primary age pupils across Wales returned to school in September 2020, many large primary age schools adopted a year group bubble structure. At Llangewydd Junior School we decided not to do this as we felt we could operate our bubbles based on classes and so this is how we have operated this academic year when pupils have been in school. As a consequence when we have encountered positive cases of Covid 19 among our staff and pupils, this has only necessitated the self-isolation of individuals in those class bubbles.

However, as a leadership team we have now decided that after half term we will move away from class bubbles towards larger year group bubbles. The potential issue with this approach is that if any child in our school (other than in the LRC) tests positive for Covid 19, the whole year group may have to self-isolate rather than just the pupil's respective class. Despite this, we feel strongly that now is a good time to make some adjustments towards a more normal school day. Moving to year group bubbles will allow us to:

- 1) Move staff between year group classes more freely to support provision
- 2) Hold daily acts of collective worship in our year groups
- 3) Support the personal development of pupils by allowing them to associate with children from other classes (but in their year group) prior to the forthcoming academic year
- 4) Possibly hold year group sports days
- 5) Possibly hold a (video recorded) Leavers' Assembly and undertake the year 6 awards
- 6) Possibly hold year group discos during the school day towards the end of term
- 7) Hopefully organise some form of transition for our year 6 pupils



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Please note that unfortunately **parents will not be able to attend school based events** this academic year unless there are significant changes to the current guidance but I hope that, even given this, you would wish your child to have these experiences, if they were at all possible.

Please note also that we do not foresee at this time that the school will be able to take any part in a year 6 'Prom' given that this always necessitates support from staff from across the whole school. Whether parents decide that they wish to organise an event outside of the school is however up to parents to decide; this is the arrangement that other schools in our cluster have adopted for some time.

Kind regards,

Neil Clode

