

Transitions Frequently Ask Questions

** All of the information below is subject to change with the Welsh Government guidelines.**

What happens on my child's first day?

All learners will gather in the Theatre or Gym on the first morning. Mr Rudge the Progress Manager will be there to welcome the pupils. There will be enough staff at the front of the school to point any new Year 7 pupils in the right direction. From here learners will be taken by their form teachers to their form rooms, this is the time learners will meet their peers and collect their timetables. Lessons will start later in the day.

On the first day will my child need a PE kit?

No – Any PE lessons on the first day will not involve wearing kit.

What school uniform will my child need to wear on the first day?

Ysgol Llanfyllin uniform is available from our school uniform suppliers Constructiv Clothing or School Shop Direct. The uniform consists of a school jumper, white shirt with the school tie and black trousers or skirt. Black leather shoes should be worn to school. More information can be found here: <https://llanfyllin.powys.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Uniform-Policy-2020-YLL.pdf>

Can school lockers be purchased?

Yes, lockers can be purchased during the first week back in school. More information will be given in September.

What will my child do for lunch?

Pupils will be able to use both the hot and cold canteen serveries or bring their own packed lunch. Pupils will pay for their lunch via their thumbprint or pin number. Thumb print or pin numbers will be issued to students on their first day. If there are any issues please rest assured that your child will always be given the opportunity to have something to eat.

How do I pay for my child's school dinners?

Payment for school dinners will follow the same system as at primary school, using Parent Pay. This system is also used to pay for school trips. Pupils who receive Free School Meals will continue to do so. Their account will be pre-loaded with the allocated amount daily. If there are any queries regarding Parent Pay please contact the school office or Mrs Sarah Hunter (Business Manager).

What will my child need on their first day?

Your child will need to bring a pencil case which should include: pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, maths geometry set and a scientific calculator.

Is my child allowed to bring a mobile phone to school?

Mobile phones are allowed in school, however mobile phones must be kept switched off and kept in their bags. Mobile phones are brought to school at a learner's own risk and the school takes no responsibility for any loss or damage. If you need to contact your child please ring the school office and a message will be passed on to your child.

What can my child do if they are upset or worried?

Pupils are encouraged to speak to any member of staff they feel comfortable in doing so. This can be their Form Teacher, Class Teacher, Progress Manager, the Canolfan Teulu or any other member of the school staff. This will be explained to the pupils on their first day.

What if my child loses something at school?

Please make sure every piece of clothing or equipment your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name. Please contact the school straight away, to let us know when something is missing.

How can I contact the school?

Please phone the school on 01691 648391 or email office@llanfyllin.powys.sch.uk.

If I have concerns about my child?

Please contact your child's Progress Manager, Mr Rudge. For any attendance issues please contact the school's attendance officer.

What if my child feels unwell?

If your child feels unwell, they will need to inform a member of staff straight away. Pupils should not contact parents directly in the case of illness.

How is my child set?

Your child will be taught in their form group. Maths and English will be set during the second half term. These departments will complete assessments (taking into account KS2, CATS data etc) during the first 8 weeks of your child start at Ysgol Llanfyllin.

How are tutor groups decided?

Your child will be placed with at least one friend and pupils from other primary schools.

When can I visit the school?

Under the current circumstances the school is unlikely be able to allow you to visit before September. A school virtual tour will be given to primary schools, which they will distribute to new pupils. Also in the near future, key staff can be met via a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams. In September there will hopefully be a Parents Surgery evening, this will be a chance for you to meet your child's form teacher, ALNco and Progress Manager to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents Evening will be in November.

How will my child find their way around school?

On your child's first day, there will be activities completed during Tutor Time that will help your child to find their way around the school. Teachers and senior pupils will be on hand to help guide your child's form around the school. A map of school is also included in your child's planner.

What is a school planner?

The planner is used as a home school link. It should be used to record homework and parents/guardians can use it to send messages to your child's form teacher. Homework may well be shared by a parental app, more information about this will be given in September.

What time does school start and finish?

School begins at 8:50am and finishes at 3:25pm.

Where will I find important dates and information?

All important dates and information can be found on our school website, mobile app or on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages.

How will my child know where to go for the bus home?

The buses are located on the drive near to the main entrance gates to school. Ysgol Llanfyllin staff on duty will support any learners who are unsure about which bus to catch to ensure that they are on the correct route. During the first couple of weeks, Year 7 pupils have priority access to the buses to ensure that they get home safely.

How can I prepare my child for secondary school?

Moving to secondary school can be a daunting time for both children and their parents. One of the key ways to prepare your child for transition is to develop their independence skills. This includes encouraging them to gather and pack their own equipment ready for school or other activities, managing time and money, looking after their belongings and development of strategies to use if something goes wrong.

For any queries on transition please email:

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