



**YSGOL
LLANFYLLIN**

July 13th, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I'd like to take this opportunity to express how proud I am to be the Headteacher of Ysgol Llanfyllin. Despite the fact that as a school and as a community, we have faced one of the toughest academic years I can remember in my 22 years in education, the response of pupils, their families, and our staff has been exemplary. I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you and thank you all for your ongoing support and the resilience you have shown during this incredibly challenging year.

School Uniform from September

All pupils will be expected to wear full Ysgol Llanfyllin school uniform on their return to school in September. Details of our expectations can be found in our school uniform policy below. I have also included links to our official uniform suppliers. Please contact the school if you are experiencing difficulties regarding uniform. Please support your child, and the school, by ensuring the correct uniform is worn in September.

Uniform-Policy-2020-YLL.pdf (llanfyllin.powys.sch.uk)
Constructive Clothing - <http://www.constructiv.co.uk/>
School Shop Direct - <https://schoolshopdirect.co.uk/>

New Primary Phase development

In September our youngest pupils (Foundation Phase to Year 6) will move into the new primary phase of the school. This is a very exciting development which will see our children benefiting from enhanced facilities such as their new playground, outdoor classroom, science lab, IT suite and use of other specialist rooms such as the music room, the gym and technology rooms. We will write to primary phase parents separately with more details regarding other arrangements such as pick up and drop off etc.

As a welcome gift all pupils in years 3,4,5 & 6 will receive a Chrome Book laptop for their own use whilst in school. (NB. The laptops will remain the property of the school and will be returned as pupils leave the primary phase at the end of Year 6.)

Link: Digwyddiad Byw Cyfnod Cynradd / Primary Phase Live Event - 15/04/21

<https://youtu.be/N0hbIFW3Q1w>

New Sixth Form Centre

The old primary school building will be transformed over the summer holidays into our new sixth form centre. The centre will include a new café ('Caffi Cain'), common room, study areas, classrooms, individual study rooms, ESGOL rooms, student parking and student support offices.

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The centre will be staffed by Mrs Kim Evans (Head of 6th form) and Mrs Beth McDonald (Learning Coach). Pupils will receive some lessons in the centre as well.

We will continue to collaborate with other Powys Sixth forms to ensure a high-quality broad and balanced curriculum for all our learners.

Link: 6th Form Live Event / Cofnodi Digwyddiad Byw 6ed Dosbarth - 04/02/21

<https://youtu.be/hlfxt3K700o>

Covid safe school – September 2021

The Welsh Government has recently updated the operational guidance for schools, and this has informed the arrangements that will be put in place. When pupils return to school in September it is our intention to maintain the controls we are currently operating, with only minor changes. These arrangements will be in place to reduce the number of contacts in school and prioritize the safety of pupils and staff. A presentation will be available on the school website later in August to remind parents and pupils of these arrangements, but to summarize:

- School transport will operate as normal. Older pupils (Year 7 and up) will continue to wear face coverings on school transport, and will be issued with a new bus pass that contains a QR code to ensure pupils use the correct transport provided by Powys County Council.
- Teachers will be in their usual teaching rooms, allowing pupils access to the full curriculum and specialist teaching areas. New timetables will be issued to pupils in September.
- **Secondary phase pupils** will begin to use the PE changing rooms, therefore there is no need for them to arrive at school in their PE kit on the day of their PE lesson. **Primary Phase pupils** should come to school in their PE kit on the designated day.
- Social distancing will still be applied between staff and pupils, and as far as possible between pupils. Classroom seating will be arranged to avoid face on interaction between pupils.
- Hand hygiene will continue to be encouraged.
- There will continue to be increased ventilation in the school building.
- Year groups will have designated outside areas for break and lunch. Pupils will need to ensure they dress for the weather (sun cream, coat, umbrella, etc.). Unless conditions are severely inclement, pupils will be encouraged to be outside during break and lunch times.
- Food will be served at break and lunch at staggered times from different locations. Each year group will have a designated area for purchasing and eating their lunch. Alternatively, pupils can bring a packed lunch if they prefer.
- Pupils must come to school organised and ready for the day, including having all their stationery and plenty of fluid to drink throughout the day.
- Designated toilet facilities will be assigned to particular year groups.

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- Microsoft Teams will again be used to support learning and assessment throughout the school. Teams will also be used to facilitate homework.
- Isolation areas will remain in place for pupils who become unwell with Covid symptoms during the school day. These pupils will need to be collected by parents immediately.
- School clubs, fixtures, events and trips will initially operate in a limited capacity.
- Face-to-face meetings in school will again not yet be possible. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss anything and we will organise a virtual meeting if necessary. Please do not visit reception unless it is absolutely essential.
- If your child feels unwell do not send them to school. If your child or any member of your household develops possible Covid symptoms, or tests positive for Covid, you must self-isolate and arrange a Covid-19 PCR test.
- Positive cases of Covid should be reported directly to NHS Track and Trace over the summer period. Upon return to school please remember to let us know about any confirmed cases by email office@llanfyllin.powys.sch.uk
- Pupils are not expected to continue lateral flow testing (LFT) over the summer period, but those who have opted in should resume testing upon return to school.

Face Coverings

Please be aware that the routine use of face coverings will no longer be required by pupils or staff in classrooms, but is encouraged in communal areas such as corridors where there is likely to be more social mixing. If pupils or staff choose to wear face coverings for personal reasons, they will be permitted to do so.

Finally...

As you will be aware, this is a fast-moving situation and we will need to be flexible in our approach to school life the next year. Changes to local or national guidance as a result of the infection rate may impact on our operations. I will write to you over the summer if there are any significant changes meaning that these arrangements will differ.

I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Thursday 2nd September.

Please enjoy a safe, restful and happy summer break.

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