



Dear Parents/Carers

17.07.2020

At the end of the school year, school staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this past year and in particular over the unexpected second half of the school year. Thank you to the Governing Body members for their support, co-operation and strategic leadership during the past year. Our very best wishes go to our Year 6 pupils as they leave us and embark on the next chapter of their education.

Academic Year 2020/2021

As per the letter from BCBC earlier this week, we look forward to welcoming Reception and Year 6 pupils back to school at the start of term for pupils on Friday 4 September 2020. As a school we have made the decision to receive all pupils on the earliest date possible in line with BCBC's return to school plan. This means that all pupils of statutory school age (Reception-Year 6) at Bro Ogwr will be welcomed back from Monday 7 September 2020. Start dates for nursery pupils will be provided in a separate letter to parents/carers, including details of playdates and parent meetings. Our 2020-2021 calendar for dates and school activities will be issued at the start of the new term in September.

Attendance and operational arrangements

All pupils are required to return to school in September when schools re-open for pupils; if your child is unable to return to school on the advice of a healthcare practitioner due to a documented medical reason, please contact the school to discuss how we will support your child during this time. We have published further details on our school website of our return to school arrangements. Many operational arrangements will be similar to the current situation, but will also obviously factor in the return of all pupils and not just small groups. We ask that you share these arrangements with your child(ren). School staff will of course remind pupils of the arrangements in the new academic year through group discussion in circle time. These arrangements and procedures are subject to change as operations are monitored and reviewed over time.

BCBC Breakfast Club and School Transport

At the time of writing, BCBC will not be offering the Breakfast Club provision during September; we have been advised that the authority will provide further information regarding this at the start of the Autumn term. BCBC has advised that school transport will be in operation and we will cascade this guidance and any operational arrangements as soon as we receive these from the local authority.

School Uniform

While Welsh Government guidance encourages all pupils to return wearing school uniform, we fully appreciate that it may be difficult to obtain uniform now for the start of the new school year. Please support us in continuing our school ethos and unity across the school by sending your child in full uniform as soon as is reasonably practicable. If your child is entering Reception or Year 3 and is currently eligible for Free School Meals, a uniform grant may be available to you. Please see the guidance on the BCBC website and contact the school office for further information if this may apply to you. A reminder of our school uniform (badged items are optional) can be found on the school website or from the school office.

Summer Holidays

Please do tweet any pictures of your summer holiday activities to our Twitter account @ysgolbroogwr for us to see in September. Parents/carers may wish to explore the optional summer activities ideas grid on the school website. School staff will also be publishing a weekly YouTube video on Mondays during August.

Thank you again for your patience and co-operation as we work together through this uncertain time. Please stay safe as we look forward to being together as a school once again in the new academic year.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors