



Dear Parents/Carers

03.09.2020

A warm welcome to all at the start of the Autumn Term. We are very much looking forward to the new academic year and we hope that our pupils are excited about returning to school after the enforced period of closure.

### **Academic Year 2020/2021**

This year will require us to continue to adapt school life in line with Welsh Government and BCBC guidance to ensure minimum risk to all during the Coronavirus pandemic. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of all. We await further guidance in respect of future events and consequently our 2020-2021 calendar of dates and school activities will be issued in due course.

### **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. Operational arrangements and procedures are subject to change as guidance is reviewed and the latest version is always available on our school website, which can be found at [www.ysgolbroogwr.cymru](http://www.ysgolbroogwr.cymru).

### **New Outdoor Play Equipment**

The installation of our new outdoor play equipment, which was delayed to school closure, is scheduled for completion this month. We thank members of the Pupil Council for their valuable contribution in choosing the final designs for this exciting project.

### **BCBC Breakfast Club**

We are working closely with BCBC in order to confirm arrangements for re-opening and will confirm a re-opening date as soon as this has been agreed with BCBC.

### **Menter Bro Ogwr Clwb Bananas**

We are working closely with Menter Bro Ogwr in order to confirm arrangements for re-opening their after school provision and further information will be provided when a re-opening date has been agreed.

### **School Uniform**

Welsh Government guidance encourages all pupils to return wearing school uniform and a reminder of our uniform list can be found on our school website or from the school office (badged items are optional). 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.

Upon return to school your child will be informed of which days they will receive PE lessons. School PE kit is suitable footwear, dark tracksuit bottoms and a white polo shirt. We kindly ask that pupils attend school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

A minimum of two windows will be open in all classrooms every day to allow for consistent natural ventilation. Please ensure that your child brings a jumper and/or coat to school, as classrooms may be cooler than usual.

### **Personal Possessions**

Apart from the minimum items required for a school day (i.e. a water bottle and snack, a packed lunch if not school dinners, coat, hat etc), we kindly ask that pupils do not bring any personal items from home into school. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 only are permitted to bring in their own pencil case for their own personal use, if they

so wish. Please ensure that all items of clothing and any personal possessions are clearly labelled, as labelled items can be easily returned to pupils.

### **Snack and Lunch Arrangements**

The fruit snack trolley will not be available until further notice. Pupils may bring a healthy snack/fruit to school, if they wish to consume this at morning breaktime.

School dinners will be available immediately and parents/carers should ensure that cashless lunch accounts are topped up with sufficient credit, as we do not permit debit balances on lunch accounts. If your child wishes to bring a packed lunch to school, please provide them with easy-to-open lunch options, to minimise close contact by staff supervising lunch arrangements. Pupils will be asked to retain and take home any packed lunch waste.

As long as a parent is receiving an eligible benefit, then their child is eligible for Free School Meals. Please contact the school office if you feel that your child would be eligible to receive Free School Meals and we can provide you with further information on this in confidence.

### **Reading / Homework**

Pupils will bring home a reading book each week. Upon their return, books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being reshelved. Parents will be provided with a Reading Slip each time a book is sent home; this is for your information only and we ask that you do not return Reading Slips to school.

Home tasks will be set online via Hwb. Pupils will be able to complete the work online or provide photos / evidence of work / projects undertaken at home. Pupils will be reminded of their Hwb logon credentials on their return to school.

### **Face Masks / Coverings**

Guidelines do not require Primary age pupils to wear face coverings either at school or on school transport. However, if any pupil wishes to wear a face covering they must be able to put on and remove independently. BCBC recommends that Staff wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas which will be staff's individual choice.

We hope that this information has been helpful to you. If you have any queries about your child's return to school, please contact the school office on 01656 815580 or by email at [admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk).

Thank you again for your patience and co-operation as we continue to work together this year.

Kind Regards

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