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Dear Parents/Carers

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As we approach the end of the Christmas term, firstly I would like to thank you as Parents/Carers for your ongoing support in what is a time of worry and uncertainty for all. We continue to pass on guidance from BCBC as soon as we receive it as a school and appreciate your continued patience with this. Your children have been a credit to you this term; thank you to our fantastic pupils, for their engagement and positive attitude. Thank you also to our Governing Body and our staff team for their hard work and their commitment to provision for those isolating from school, as well as the continued behind-the-scenes efforts in safeguarding, wellbeing, child protection, H&S and recruitment.

Staff Changes

Warm congratulations go to Miss Sioned Hiscocks, now Mrs Rees, on the celebration of her marriage.

Our very best wishes go to Mrs Sonia Gatt, who after 22 years here at Bro Ogwr will be leaving us at the end of term to enjoy a very well deserved retirement. Mrs Gatt has contributed to the academic and extra-curricular life of the school in so many ways and we will miss her very much.

We welcome back Miss Elizabeth Evans, who will teach 2G until the end of the Summer Term. Miss Evans has previously been a key member of our school interventions team and returns to us after successfully completing her teaching qualification.

We welcome Miss Emili Greenacre and Miss Cheryl Davies to the Meithrin team.

School/Home Communication

Following a successful Year 6/Year 5 trial earlier this term, we have this month rolled out the SIMS Parent App to all parents/carers across the school. The Parent App offers immediate access to request alterations to pupil and contact data held by the school and access for parents/carers to pupil attendance, term dates and school diary events. All messages are sent through the Parent App. In the future, the app will also be used for some reports and extra-curricular activity scheduling. YGG Llangynwyd has also launched the SIMS Parent App and if you have children at both schools, you will be able to access the data for all children from the same account.

Priority 1 contacts with Parental Responsibility will have received an email to their registered email address with an invitation code. There is a parent help guide available on the school website. If you wish for another parent/carer with Parental Responsibility to receive an invite to the app or you require assistance, please email the school office on admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk.

We continue to use our existing text service alongside the Parent App at present, to ensure a smooth transition to the new app and to allow parents/carers time to register.

Positive Test Result Notifications

Please note that the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December and online provision will be offered to all pupils. Any positive test results between Friday 18th December and Tuesday 22nd December must be emailed to admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk, in order that these can be processed. Please only use this email address for this purpose during this time, as school is closed. Any positive result notifications during the remainder of the school holiday will be actioned by Track & Trace.

I wish you all a happy and safe break. We welcome all pupils back to school on Monday January 4th 2021.

Merry Christmas and kind regards

Mrs S Jayne

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