



Dear Parents / Carers

06.09.21

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you and all the pupils back to school this term following the summer holidays. Here are the current updates from school.

Return to School - Keeping Safe

We aim to return to as normal a routine as possible this term, although the importance of avoiding transmission and the spread of COVID-19 remains a major priority for us all. Our current operational and hygiene procedures will continue into the new school year; these are available on our school website at www.ysgolbroogwr.cymru. These procedures may be subject to change, depending on any further and future LA and Welsh Government guidance.

Dates For Your Diary

Future INSET days (school closed to all pupils): Friday October 1st 2021 / Friday October 22nd 2021.

Please note that there is no inset day on Monday 27 September and all pupils are expected to attend school on this day. A further three INSET days will occur during this academic year and these will be scheduled in due course once training arrangements are confirmed.

'Meet the Teacher' Reception to Year 6

Your year group teachers will text you with an invitation for parents to a virtual year group 'Open Evening'. These will be held during the week commencing Sept 20th after school (dates/times are specific to year groups and will be communicated directly). You will have the opportunity to virtually meet your child's class teacher and receive relevant information about the forthcoming academic year. Please contact the school if you have misplaced your Hwb details.

Upcoming School Activities:

Friday September 24th 2021 - Macmillan Cancer Support Day - details to follow from our school council

Wednesday October 6th 2021 - Individual Pupil Photos with Colorfoto. Full school uniform please (no PE kit)

Week commencing Monday October 18th 2021 - Virtual Individual Parents' Evening – details to follow

School Uniform

Please support us in ensuring a strong school image and unity across the school. We kindly ask that pupils adhere to the school uniform with dark / black shoes / trainer type (no brightly coloured trainers). Pupils may wear PE kit to school on their allocated PE days and we request that these are school PE kit colours of a white top and dark bottoms.

A few reminders at the start of term:

- Please ensure we have **up to date phone numbers (home and mobile), addresses and information** – if there have been any changes over the summer, please send the new details / changes in to the office as soon as possible this week.
- School starts promptly at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm. If there are any changes to end of day arrangements, please inform us by letter or email. In an emergency, please phone the school office before 2.30pm ensuring that you speak to a member of staff and not leave a voice mail message which may not be received in sufficient time. The phone is very busy at this time of day and our staff will answer your call as soon as they are able to do so.
- If your child is unwell, please contact the school and leave a message on the absence line before 9.00am on each day of illness, stating the specific nature and reason for the absence.
- If your child develops any COVID symptoms, please follow the national guidelines to isolate and book a PCR test. In the rare event of a child displaying symptoms in school, they will be isolated and you will be contacted immediately.

If you require any assistance, whether educational or pastoral, please do not hesitate to email the school office on admin@ygbroogwr.pen-y-bont.cymru.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher