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Annwyl riant/gofalwr

Prydau Ysgol am ddim i holl blant Ysgolion Cynradd (UPFSM) a negeseuon e-bost sy'n rhoi balans cyfrifon prydau ysgol di-arian

Mae'r drefn ar gyfer cyflwyno UPFSM i ddisgyblion cynradd ym Mhen-y-bont ar Ogwr isod:

- Ionawr 2024 – disgyblion meithrin llawn amser;
- Ebrill 2024 – disgyblion blwyddyn 4; a
- Medi 2024 – disgyblion blwyddyn 5 a 6.

Felly, o ddechrau blwyddyn ysgol 2024-25 ymlaen, bydd holl ddisgyblion ein hysgolion cynradd yn cael prydau ysgol am ddim.

Os yw'ch plentyn, ar hyn o bryd, yn talu am brydau ysgol sy'n cael eu darparu gan yr awdurdod lleol, byddwch yn gwybod eisoes fod yr e-bost wythnosol sy'n dangos balans y cyfrif wedi'i ohirio dros dro oherwydd problemau y tu hwnt i reolaeth yr awdurdod lleol. Mae'n ymwneud â phroblem a gododd wrth uwchraddio'r system er mwyn medru rhoi'r UPFSM ar waith. Mae'n effeithio ar ysgolion cynradd ac uwchradd.

Mae'r awdurdod lleol yn ymddiheuro am unrhyw anhwylystod ac yn ddiolchgar i chi am eich amynedd a'ch dealltwriaeth tra byddwn yn ystyried rhoi trefniadau eraill ar waith.

Er y gall rhieni/gofalwyr ofyn i'r ysgol am falans y cyfrif, mae'r awdurdod lleol yn deall bod y ceisiadau hyn yn rhoi cryn dipyn o bwysau ar staff gweinyddol yr ysgol. Byddai'r awdurdod lleol felly'n ddiolchgar pe gallai disgyblion, rhieni a gofalwyr, am y tro, yn gwneud llai o geisiadau am fanylion eu balans.

Yn y cyfamser, a nes byddwn yn gallu cyflwyno system arall i roi gwybod i chi am falans eich cyfrif, rwy'n ddiolchgar i chi am eich amynedd a'ch dealltwriaeth yn y cyswllt hwn.

Dear parent/carers

Universal primary free school meals (UPFSM) and cashless school meal balance email alerts

The planned further roll-out of UPFSM for school pupils in Bridgend is listed below:

- January 2024 - full-time Nursery pupils;
- April 2024 - Year 4 pupils; and
- September 2024 – Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

This will mean that, from the start of the 2024-2025 school year, all primary school pupils will be able to access a free school meal.

If your child currently pays for local authority provided school meals, you may already be aware that the weekly email detailing your child's account balance has recently been suspended due to issues outside the local authority's control. This is due to an issue linked to a system upgrade required to support the implementation of UPFSM. This issue affects both primary and secondary schools.

The local authority apologises for any inconvenience this has caused and is grateful for your patience and understanding while alternative arrangements are being explored.

Although parents/carers can ask for their child's balance direct from their child's school, the local authority is informed that requests are placing a significant burden on school administrative staff. The local authority would therefore be grateful if pupils, parents, and carers can limit their requests for their account balances at this time.

In the meantime, until we are able to offer an alternative account balance notification, I am grateful for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Yn gywir
Yours sincerely



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