



Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term and the run up to Christmas! It's great to see the children back safe and sound and it's been great listening to the many different ways you as parents and carers have celebrated Halloween and Bonfire Night under the restrictions.

Pupil Absence

A polite reminder that if your children are absent from school, please contact the school to provide a reason for absence. We are required to closely monitor all children's attendance during this period and your communication to us helps us to be as time effective and efficient with our systems in place.

Covid19 Absence

A reminder of the steps to take in different scenarios surrounding Covid19.

1. In the event your child/ren becomes symptomatic during school hours, we will follow our procedures and contact you immediately, as well as Delta Wellbeing. In this case, we politely request you book a test and inform the school of the outcome of the test. **Please note, pupils will not be allowed to return to school without school seeing the negative test result.**
2. In the event your child/ren becomes symptomatic outside of school hours, please contact **Delta Wellbeing immediately on 0300 333 2222.** School will automatically receive a notification of your call from Delta Wellbeing.
3. If a family member becomes symptomatic, please isolate as a whole family, keeping your children off school. We then kindly ask you to contact us to let us know the outcome of the test once you've received the results. **Delta Wellbeing do not need to be contacted if it is a parent/adult who is symptomatic, only when it is a child who attends school.**
4. Travel guidance from Welsh Government over the Fire Break Lockdown stated travel was prohibited and will be into England whilst England are in lockdown. If you have been on holiday, where guidance is to self-isolate upon return, we ask you to help us keep our school community safe and adhere to this please.

Home Learning - Acceptable Use Agreement

We have posted on our school website and class lists an Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement for you to read. This outlines the conditions that must be in place if children are to access online learning if their class were to self-isolate as a result of a positive Covid19 case.

We kindly ask that you read this document in detail and then complete a very quick online questionnaire to provide consent for your child/ren to access online lessons if needed. The link will be posted on class lists, the website and text to all parents to access. **Please note, pupils will only be able to access the live content if consent has been provided.**

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Children in Need – Friday 13th November 2020

Next Friday will be Children in Need day, a day our children have always loved, which brings much excitement to them. Although we will be unable to undertake our usual activities as a whole school, we would like to continue our exciting activities in raising money for such an important cause. As a result we ask the following:

1. Children can come to school dress in their Pyjamas for the day (please ensure they are washed clean for the day and not pyjamas that have been worn in days prior to the event).
2. We will hold class activities and class parties throughout the day.

To support the cause, we kindly ask for a donation of £2 per child or for families of more than one child, £2 for the first, followed by £1 for every other sibling. This money will be donated to the cause and support us in purchasing ingredients for baking activities.

Christmas 2020

Unfortunately with the current restrictions in place, we will be unable to hold our usual leading Christmas productions. However, after what has been a difficult year for all, we are committed to making sure that the time of year that is magical for our children and a time they thoroughly enjoy continues to be this for them.

We are currently working on a plan to adapt and put together a show piece for you all that we can share with you virtually. More details will be available on this shortly and I want to assure you that in the planning of this event, a detailed risk assessment will be put in place to ensure that we can continue to keep our children and staff safe whilst undertaking this task.

INSET Day

A reminder that there is no school for pupils on **Monday 21st December and Tuesday 22nd December 2020**. Carmarthenshire County Council have now set these as designated INSET days for all schools across Carmarthenshire.

Parents Evening

A reminder that Foundation Phase parents evenings will be held the week beginning 9th November 2020. Please contact your child/ren's class teacher to book a time for this.

May I thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Rees if you need to discuss any school matters.

Best Wishes,

Mr Stephen Thomas
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