



Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

*Pontarddulais Road, Tycroes, Ammanford, SA18 3QD
Pennaeth Dros dro / Acting Headteacher: Mr Stephen Thomas*

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all for my welcome to the school over the past two weeks. It's been great putting names to faces and getting to know the school community a little better. Please find some items below to update you on in regards to the school. I will aim to send a weekly newsletter to keep you up to date.

You will find today, the most up to date Risk Assessment for Tycroes has been made available on the school website. Please be aware that guidance changes regularly and we update our systems and processes in school regularly to ensure we meet the guidance given. At any point, if you wish to discuss these, please do not hesitate to contact me. We want to work openly with you and are happy to discuss any matters relating to how we are running with Covid19 present in our society.

Covid19 Testing and Results

A flowchart to support with deciding when is appropriate to send your child to school if unwell has recently been posted to the school website. In the event that your child or a close family member (same household), has been advised to book a Covid19 test. We politely request that your child/ren self-isolate until the result of that test has been returned.

If a negative test result has been returned, your child/ren will be welcome to come back to school immediately, however, we will only be able to accept pupils back into school having seen proof of the negative test result.

In the event you are informed of a positive test, we would politely request that you inform us immediately and if out of school hours, please contact **Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222**.

We promise as a school to be open with you and communicate immediately in the event a positive case has been identified in the school. In the event this were to happen, we would ask for your patience and to continue sending your children to school unless instructed to self-isolate. We have robust systems in place to ensure the safety of pupils and staff, which are currently working well. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

INSET days

The Welsh Government have announced that schools will continue to receive 6 INSET days this academic year. The first of these INSET days for Tycroes will be on **Friday 23rd October 2020** for

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staff to participate in Pie Corbett, Literacy training, meaning there will be no school for pupils on this day.

There will also now be two INSET days for all of Carmarthenshire schools on **Monday 21st December and Tuesday 22nd December**, meaning pupils last day before the Christmas holidays will be on **Friday 18th December 2020**.

PTA

Our fantastic PTA are continuing their efforts to put on exciting events for the children in Tycroes.

Fancy Dress party – Non scary

On our last day of this half term (Thursday 22nd October 2020), there will be a ‘Non-Scary Fancy Dress party in each class to ensure we keep our year group bubbles. The PTA will provide games and quizzes for the children, which again will go through an incubation period to ensure safe for pupils to use during the afternoon. We kindly ask for a contribution of £1 per child towards this event.

Pumpkin Trail - 31st October

The PTA will place a dozen or so Pumpkin pictures/posters around the village that will each have a name. For a donation of £1 per person the children can hunt around with their parent/guardian finding the pumpkin posters. More information will follow on this shortly.

Also, the PTA is due to hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and we would like to support invitations to join the committee and for specific roles within the committee. For example, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or a committee member. May I kindly ask that you contact us if you wish to be a part of our PTA or to nominate someone for one the roles mentioned, sharing with us the name of the person and an email address by no later than **Friday 16th October 2020**.

Drop off and Collection

School staff have made me aware that some of the pupils are congregating on the yard on arrival and collection each day, as well as running around as parents wait for siblings. May we kindly request, that parents/carers spend as little time on site as possible to ensure we can ensure social distancing to the best of our ability, as well as ensure your children remain with you at all times once released. Thank you for your support with this.

Car parking – Roadside

May I politely request that we are considerate with our parking on the main road and be considerate of those who may be walking to school with small children and prams. We have received reports of a near miss incident this week as a result of cars parking on the pavements and reducing the visibility for drivers coming out of the road alongside the school. We very kindly still have use of the rugby club car park to support with parking over the coming weeks.

Best Wishes,
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