



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

### End of Year Message

As we draw to the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your support over a year that has provided challenges that could not have been comprehended in previous years. I now write to provide you with the final update before the summer holidays.

### Planning for September

As you will be aware the Welsh Government have published their operational guidance on the return of schools in September. The guidance has stated that schools will return on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and from the second week of term it is expected that schools will need to maximise the numbers of learners in attendance leading to a full return on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. A copy of our updated Risk assessment will be made available on our website in the near future. Children will be kept in PODS meaning they are not allowed to mix with different children based in different areas of the school. For this reason, the school will still need to operate a staggered start and finish times. In addition to this break times and lunch times will also be staggered. There will be a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document released to parents on September 1<sup>st</sup> which will clarify everything you will need to know and help you prepare your child for their return.

The advice still maintains that adults need to keep 2m distancing as much as they can but there will be no expectation on distancing the children within their PODS. However, where possible children will be kept within their groups so that they are mixing with less pupils. With our Nursery and Reception pupils we understand this is virtually impossible and will be continuing to operate Foundation Phase ethos is the safest way possible.

Our planning around the use of the two-week window at the start of the year is designed to support Reception children who are transferring into full-time education. Priority is also given to those children moving into Year 3 who will be moving into a different phase, Key Stage 2. Please be assured that all other year groups when they are not on site during this period up to 14<sup>th</sup> (beyond Planning and Preparation days) will be provided with remote learning.

To help prepare for the start of the year, I should be grateful if you spend time with your child(ren) discussing these plans and the expectations we have which will help to keep people safe. The three-week period which has ended the summer term has been highly successful and we wish to build on this momentum so that we can begin to 'recover' from the impact of a prolonged absence from school. I understand that other schools may approach things differently. However, we are confident that our plans are suited to the needs of our school and its students. As always, your support is gratefully appreciated.

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### Overview of the first 2 weeks

Please find the school structure below for the next academic year. Please note in September due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be **NO BREAKFAST CLUB** or after school clubs until further notice. Pupils will be staggered back into school in line with WG guidance. Please note, all times are temporary whilst restrictions are in place. We will let you know any changes if and when they occur.

Nursery pupils will **ALL** attend for morning sessions at the moment but we anticipate change during the year but not during the first term. For Nursery pupils that have not yet attended school, their start dates have been posted out and staggered further. If you have any queries please contact us on September 1<sup>st</sup> to check and you can e mail on [keyk2@hwbcymru.net](mailto:keyk2@hwbcymru.net). There is a change with school meals- Please see separate information.

We have stated the date below when your child will return. Once they have started they will then attend as normal under specified times.

Year Group:	Teacher Responsible:	Date pupils will return:	Time of Day:
Nursery (previously attended school)	Mrs K Doran	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am- 11.15 am
Reception	Mrs S Johnson	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am- 12.30 pm Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September- 9.15 am – 3.35 pm
Year 1	Miss E Wassall	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am- 3.20 pm
Year 2	Mrs S Whitcombe	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am- 3.20 pm
Year 3	Miss R Hughes (Mrs C Roberts)	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am- 3.35 pm
Year 4	Mr B Baker-Rees	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am- 3.35 pm
Year 5	Mr S Curran	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am- 3.20 pm
Year 6	Mr L Cross	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am- 3.20 pm

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## Catering

The canteen will be open to serve hot food. You will be made aware of any changes to current practices at the beginning of September.

## Uniform Expectations for September- Equipment Required

As we seek to 'restart' for all year groups in September, we will revert to our standard uniform. I would ask that all families take time to review our uniform expectations information on our school website in advance of purchasing any items. This will help avoid any unnecessary spend and awkwardness between the school and families at the start of term. We also ask that children bring **trainers daily** for physical exercise. We will be operating a session at the end of the day developing children's health and well-being.

A uniform grant is available to some Year groups and the link is below:

<https://bit.ly/YCBUniformGrant>

Children will only be able to bring limited items into school. They will be expected to bring a filled water bottle daily, plastic wallet (supplied by school), packed lunch box, trainers and where needed, a coat. We are asking for them to only carry these items and therefore you will not need to purchase a bag/rucksack over the summer for the start of the year.

Lastly, we would like to thank all our families and extended friends for all your continued support. It has been an unusual end to the school year but has highlighted how communities come together when they need to. Have a wonderful summer break and enjoy precious time with each other. On behalf of everyone here at Ysgol Cwm Brombil, I would like to thank you for all you do as parents/carers and friends of the school. Your support and encouragement has been most welcomed particularly during these challenging last few months.

I wish you and your families a very enjoyable summer. Stay safe!

With best wishes,

Mr S. Clarke & Mrs K. Key

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