



16th July 2021

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 our final update before the summer holidays.

September return

The academic school year begins on Thursday September 2nd 2021. We will be using Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September as INSET days.

We are concerned that current Year 6 pupils have not been able to fully visit the school so we are asking that Year 7 pupils in September return to school on Friday 4th September. This will give us time and space to talk them through the processes in operation and should help to alleviate some of the anxiety that I am sure they will be feeling.

All pupils will then attend as normal on Monday September 6th 2021.

The Operational Guidance has been updated for September and the key changes are as follows:

Staff will no longer be expected to wear face coverings within school. This will now become an option for the individual. We will support anybody who does wish to wear a face covering. Visitors and parents who enter the school building, will still be expected to wear face coverings.

School start and finish times:

In September the start and end of the school day times will be the same for all full-time pupils as per pre-Covid restrictions. The school day will start at 9.00 am and end at 3.20 pm. We will continue to accept and dismiss pupils from the school gates however will be changing areas that classes will line up. From September, Nursery and Reception pupils should line up on the left on the school gate in the Foundation Phase area and Year 1 and 2 should wait on the right. In the Key Stage 2 area, years 3 and 4 will continue to line up in the same place they do now whilst years 5 and 6 will use a new gate at the end of the yard, near the main office entrance. Please bear with us as we make these changes, we assure you we will be reviewing this in September to try and make things as easy for you all as possible.

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Nursery morning session- 9.00 am- 11.20 am

Nursery afternoon session- 1.00 pm- 3.20 pm

If you have received a Nursery/Reception letter in the last few weeks please note, the times above are correct and not the ones on the letter. Apologies but guidance from WG have only come in the last week.

Bubbles:

Even though the WG have stated that school's can resume without bubbles, we intend on gradually releasing restrictions and airing on the side of caution to keep our school community safe.

We will be operating a POD model of 'bubbles' with shared indoor and outdoor experiences for them only together. This will also be the case for break and lunches. We will continue to operate a separate lunch period for Foundation and Key Stage 2 pupils allowing all pupils to have half an hour to eat food and half an hour access to the outdoors in bubbles.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club arrangements will remain limited for the short term but we may be able to offer more spaces. Unfortunately, we have to prioritise full-time pupils and understand that some of you may be disappointed. If you feel your child would need to access this provision from September please contact me via e-mail (keyk2@hwbcymru.net) as soon as possible in order to plan and let you know if you have a place. We will try our very best for you all and I can assure you that we will continue to offer breakfast at no cost after 9 am to all pupils across the school. It is our hope to get breakfast club up and running in a 'normal' sense as soon as it's possible and will keep you updated with developments. We will also be evaluating our after school provision in September and again hope to return to some form of normality as soon as it's safe and possible to mix across bubbles.

Communication:

Thank you for your lovely feedback from reports and we really feel it's important to listen to your views. We understand that some of you are getting frustrated at the number of different forms of communication. Taking on board your views we feel that Classcharts will be the only vehicle of communication from September with the exception on Class Teams. We have resisted from using just this as we are aware that a number of parents haven't downloaded the app. We are asking that you do this over the summer holidays. You will

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need your parent code to fully set up the app. If you don't have this any more, please contact the school when we return in September. Staff are keen to maintain class teams for communication regarding school work, it also enable documents for you as parents to be viewed and used when you wish. Homework and reading tasks will continue to be set weekly on Teams.

Uniform:

We have made many allowances this year due to the pandemic however as you prepare for the new academic year please note that from September we will be strictly following the uniform policy once more. Please look at the website which lists uniform in detail. We will continue to allow pupils to wear their PE kit to school when they have PE on their timetable.

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.

Funding is available to some Year groups and the link is below:

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/1316>

Staff Moving On

At the end of each academic year, there are always a number of staff changes.

Miss R. Hughes will be leaving us to continue her teaching career. We thank her for all her hard work and efforts during his time with us and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs K. Doran will be leaving us to continue her teaching career at Blaen Y Maes Primary in Swansea. We thank her for all her hard work and efforts during his time with us and wish her every success for the future.

Miss L. Dawkins will be leaving us to take up her post in Brynteg Comprehensive School where she has been successful in gaining work as the Year 7 Engagement Officer.

Mrs S. Richards will be leaving us after spending endless times in our alternative provision in the Cwtch and later in classes. We wish her well.

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I wish to personally express my sincere thanks to all our departing staff for their commitment and dedication to the school and, most importantly, our students. They will be greatly missed.

New Teaching Staff for September

We are delighted to welcome a new staff member who will be joining us in September.

- Mrs O. Daniels Year 3 Class Teacher

I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very warm welcome to the Ysgol Cwm Brombil School Community.

A number of important internal appointments have been made to the Senior Leadership Team:
Mrs K. Burton has been promoted to the post of Deputy Headteacher
Mrs K. Williams has been promoted to the post of Assistant Headteacher
Mrs A. Taylor has been appointed to the post of Senior Teacher

The situation with regards the current Pandemic is ever changing. I will update you with any changes prior to us starting back in September. Hopefully, we will continue to ease ourselves out of this situation and return to normality.

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.

With best wishes,

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