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IMPORTANT

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the current school year, I would like to draw your attention to some important information before we close for the summer break.

Annual pupil report, National Reading and Numeracy test results,End of Foundation/Key stage 2 teacher assessments – You will shortly be receiving your child's annual report in PDF file format. The report will be available to you through your child's HWB account. If you require a paper copy of the report, then please contact your child's classteacher through e.mail, to arrange a suitable time for collection. This year, for obvious reasons, the circumstances have been quite different. Your child's classteacher has produced a report which is based on information and your child's progress up until the end of March when the schools closed. Years 2 to 6 have not completed National numeracy and reading tests, and Teacher Assessment for year 2 and 6 pupils have not been presented to Welsh Government. Within your child's report we have included your child's attendance figure, which again shows the total up to the end of March when the school closed. I'm sure you will spend some valuable time with your child in reading and discussing the information. If you wish to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, then this will need to be done through a telephone discussion. Please e.mail your child's classteacher to arrange a suitable time for this.

Reading Books – We hope that the resources borrowed from school have been valuable and provided some additional support for you and your child over the last few months. As we are now approaching the end of the current school year, we would like all reading books which were borrowed, to be returned to school. Please drop of any books in the box which will be located outside the hall door at the specific times for each class, and place any reading books in an envelope or plastic wallet, labelled with your child's name. We kindly ask you to use the drop off arrangements which can be seen below following the specific times for each class. Thank you.

Derbyn – Miss L Lewis	10.15a.m.-11.00 p.m. (14.07.20)
Blwyddyn 1&2 Miss M Davies	9.15a.m. – 10a.m. (14.07.20)
Blwyddyn 1&2 Miss D Dempsey	11.30 – 12.30 (14.07.20)
Blwyddyn 1&2 Mrs S Jones	1 – 2 (14.07.20)
Blwyddyn 3 & 4 Miss Ch Williams	10 – 11 (16.07.20)
Blwyddyn 3 & 4 Miss C Darlington	10 – 11 (15.07.20)
Blwyddyn 3 & 4 Mr D Jones	11.30 – 12.30 (16.07.20)
Blwyddyn 5 & 6 Mrs M Williams	11.30-12.30 (15.07.20)
Blwyddyn 5 & 6 Miss E Evans	1 – 2 (16.07.20)
Blwyddyn 5 & 6 Mr S Owen	1 - 2 (15.07.20)

Attendance and Holidays – In the hope that the situation with regards to the Coronavirus will improve for the next academic year, good attendance will be a key contributor to your child's successful academic achievement. We will be following Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance as we prepare and plan for next year. When it will be safe, your child will need to be in school for all possible sessions during the year, unless there is a valid reason and evidence for any absences. e.g. illness, medical appointment.

As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to urge and to remind you once again to think very carefully before you arrange any holidays for 2020-21, and **make every effort possible to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during the school term time.** Any requests to take children out of school for holidays or other activities which are not linked to the child's education, will need to be done through a letter. Please see the 2020-21 term dates, which will help you plan any holidays for the year.

Cylch Meithrin Maes y Gornel and location of classrooms – From September onwards, there will be a few changes to the locations of various classrooms. The nursery class will be moving to the room where the Cylch Meithrin is currently located. The Cylch Meithrin will be re-located in the mobile classroom. We will be notifying parent/carers of the children who are attending the Cylch Meithrin of the arrangements for dropping off and collection. One of the year 1 and 2 classes which is currently located in one of the mobile cabins, will move into the main building. Please remember that the Cylch Meithrin Maes y Gornel continues to be based in the school, and is available for children age 2 and upwards. Please contact the school for further information about the provision or check their Facebook page.

Money owing - We kindly ask for anyone who have any monies owing to school, to ensure balances are settled promptly before the end of term. (dinner money, after school club). If debts are not cleared before the end of term, we will unable to provide school dinners or the use of the after school club in September. If you are uncertain, then please contact the school. A prompt response would be much appreciated. **The cost for school dinners in September will be as follows, £2.35 for reception to year 2 pupils, and £2.40 for year 3 to year 6 pupils**.

School uniform - The summer break is almost with us. I would like to remind you of the school uniform arrangements for September 2020. In line with the school policy, the current school uniform will continue to be worn by all pupils, which is the blue trousers/skirt, blue polo shirt and school sweatshirt or cardigan. **All pupils are asked to wear black shoes. BLACK TRAINERS INCLUDING LABELLED TRAINERS BY BRANDS SUCH AS NIKE, ADIDAS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. The image below is a guide to what is and isn't acceptable. This therefore, gives everyone enough time to plan for their child's uniform and shoes for September. ALL** children will also require their school PE kit, which includes a **blue polo shirt and blue shorts**. Suitable trainers will be required for outdoor activities.

Please ensure school uniform, including shoes, are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Classes for September 2020

Following the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams's announcement that schools will re-open to all pupils in September, a considerable amount of planning will now be required as we move to this next stage. It is possible that the first few weeks of term will be used as a period of a staggered return, however the final arrangements and guidelines from Welsh Government are yet to be received. We will be notifying you of the final arrangements when we have completed our planning process. Although we are unable at this stage to confirm the final arrangements for September in terms of when your child will be returning, we have now arranged the children into their new classes for September. Some children will remain with their current class teacher, whilst others will be taught by a different teacher as they move up to the next year group. As with every year, a great deal of thought and discussion has taken place between the staff in deciding final class arrangements, and therefore we are confident that the transition will be a smooth and comfortable one for the children. Your child's class for September 2020 will be sent to you with the report through your child's Hwb account. We will be notifying you of final arrangements for September regarding the return to school timetable, arrangements for school dinners, breakfast club, after school provision and pick up and drop off arrangements once we have received further Welsh Government guidance. This will be sent through the school website, schoop and the new school app which can be accessed for free through the app-store on your mobile phone. Alternatively you may wish to access through the QR codes below.

Apple App Store

Google Play Store

Staffing – From September, there will be some change to the school's staffing arrangements. We will saying farewell and also welcoming staff. As far as saying our farewells to staff is concerned, teaching assistants Miss Rachel Clode Walters, Miss Lowri Jones and Miss Sian Davies will be leaving us. From the teaching staff, Miss Bethan Fell, Mrs Miriam Jones, Mrs Sophie Jones and Miss Charlotte Williams will be leaving us.
Some have been members of staff with us at Ysgol I D Hooson for many years, with others for shorter periods of times. Unfortunately, with the current situation as it is, we will be unable to bring the whole school together to show our thanks to these members of staff. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their commitment and valuable contribution to the school, and wish them the very best of luck for the future.
As some staff leave the school, we also welcome staff to the school. We will be welcoming back Miss Bethan Morris, following her secondment period as Welsh Charter co-ordinator for Flint and Wrexham. Miss Morris returns to her role as year 3 and 4 teacher. We also welcome Miss Esther Richards to the school. Miss Richards will take responsibility for one of the year 1 and 2 classes.

We also wish the year 6 pupils who are leaving us, the very best of luck for the future as they begin life in the secondary school in September. I would like to thank them for their hard work during their time with us in Ysgol I D Hooson.

Finally, I would like to wish the children and you as parents/carers a pleasurable summer. **Friday July 17th will be the last day of term** with confirmation on opening times for the pupils in September to follow.

Thank you for your co-operation in dealing with the above matters.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Jones

Headteacher