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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope you enjoyed the break and are looking forward to another busy year in the life of the school. I would like to present the following information at the beginning of the new term.

Contacting the class teachers - You are able to e-mail the class teachers directly. You can use this to report an absence, change a parents evening time etc. Due to data protection reasons, e-mail should not be used to transfer confidential information. Below are the e-mail addresses for each classteacher. The e.mail system should not be used to make any complaints.

Miss Amy Morris	MorrisA21@hwbcymru.net
Miss Laura Lewis	LewisL109@hwbcymru.net
Miss Bethan Thompson	ThompsonB1@hwbcymru.net
Miss Charlotte Williams	WilliamsC2840@hwbcymru.net
Miss Manon Davies	DaviesM125@hwmbcymru.net
Miss Delyth Dempsey	DempseyD1@hwbcymru.net
Miss Catrin Darlington	DarlingtonC7@hwbcymru.net
Mr Dyfan Jones	JonesD106@hwbcymru.net
Mrs Manon Williams	WilliamsM1666@hwbcymru.net
Miss Elliw Evans	EvansE42@hwbcymru.net
Mr Sion Owen	OwenS19@hwbcymru.net

Please remember to contact the school immediately if you have any questions or issues you want to raise. We are here to help and are very keen to discuss any issues and solve any problems for the good of our pupils.

In the first instance, if you have a concern about your child (educational/behaviour etc) please discuss with the **class teacher**. You may be directed to another member of staff if necessary.

If you are not satisfied with the response – you should contact **Mr Dyfan Jones** (Deputy Headteacher) or **Mrs Manon Williams** (Head of Key Stage 2) or **Miss Bethan Thompson** (Head of Foundation Phase).

If you are still unsatisfied, please contact **Mr Rhodri Jones** (Headteacher).

If you are still unsatisfied and the issue is not resolved, you should contact **Mr Geraint Phillips**, the Chair of Governors.

Teachers with additional pastoral responsibilities

Mr Sion Owen is the school's inclusion and ALN co-ordinator. Mr Owen is available to discuss other concerns involving your child's development and welfare and to discuss any additional support the school may be able to offer your child.

Miss Manon Davies and **Mr Sion Owen** will monitor attendance during the year, and will be working closely with the school's welfare officer in the process of monitoring punctuality and attendance.

The Welsh Language – Welsh is a key part of this school, and it gives us as a school great pleasure when we see the children form nursery to year 6, develop and improve their ability to use Welsh as they become bi-lingual. Welsh is the language of the school, and it is always pleasing to hear the children speaking Welsh. There is an expectation for the children to use Welsh in the school as their main language of communication, and we encourage and praise the children through various reward systems. Through regular use and practice, their bi-lingual skills will further improve and develop. Please work with the school to encourage your child to make use of the language at every possible opportunity. Diolch.

Curriculum Evenings

Curriculum Evenings will be held during the third week of term. It is an opportunity to meet the staff who will be working with your child, a chance to receive information about the academic year and to ask questions.

Monday, September 23rd
Nursery / Reception **5.30 p.m. Bilingual Meeting**

Tuesday, September 24th
Yrs. 5 and 6 **5.30 p.m. Bilingual Meeting**

Wednesday, September 25th
Yrs. 1 and 2 **5.30 p.m. Bilingual Meeting**

Thursday, September 26th
Yrs. 3 and 4 **5.30 p.m. Bilingual Meeting**

Pupil Absences - Pupils' attendance continues to be a priority for the school. It is vitally important that pupils attend school regularly. We ask that you contact the school on the first day of absence. **Please ensure that you notify school before 9.30**. We will continue to monitor and liaise with parents of students where attendance has been a cause for concern in the past.

The Headteacher's permission and authorisation is needed if you wish to take a child out of school during term time. Authorisation will be dependant upon the child's current and past attendance rates. Any requests for an absence from school should be made through a letter to the headteacher. Authorisation will not be given to requests for more than 5 days. We encourage you as parents/carers to make every possible effort to avoid arranging holidays during the school term.

We would like to draw attention to the fact that the Local Authority has powers to introduce a £60 Fixed Penalty Notices. Fixed Penalty Notices may be submitted when attendance falls to an unacceptable level during the school year.

Breakfast and After School Clubs - Our Breakfast Club begins each morning at 7.55 o'clock. Pupils can enjoy a simple breakfast (cereal, toast, fruit and drink) for free. From 7.55 until 8.15, there is a £1 charge for breakfast club. From 8.15 to 8.30, there is no charge. **We ask that pupils arrive at school before 8.30 am** if

they want to attend. At 8.45 a.m. the Junior pupils will leave the club and go on the playground with the other pupils. The Foundation Phase pupils will stay at the club and will be escorted to their classrooms when the bell rings. There is no need to book but you will need to complete a registration form by the first day.

Our After School Club runs from 3:15 pm until 5:30 pm. It costs £3.50 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. and another £3.50 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Pupils have toast and drink before having an opportunity to participate in some activity. We cannot accept more than 40 children so a place must be booked. You can book a place at the Breakfast Club through Miss Lowri Jarvis.

After School Sports Clubs - After school clubs will begin next week. Urdd creative music and dance will commence toward the end of the month. Details to follow. We will make every effort not to cancel the clubs due to bad weather. Skills sessions will be held in the school hall so hopefully there won't be any need to contact the school if the weather is unfavourable.

Monday	Urdd Creative Music Group Yr.3-6	details to follow
Tuesday	Boys Sports Club Yrs. 3-6	3.15 - 4.15 p.m
Wednesday	Girls Sports Club Yrs.3-6 Urdd Art Club	3.15- 4.15p.m. details to follow – the children taking part will need to be Urdd members
Thursday	Running Club	Yrs. 3-6 3.15- 4.15p.m.
Friday	Urdd Creative Dance Practice	details to follow

Car Parking / School Grounds - May we remind you to take care in the car park and respect the parking rules. Please make every effort to avoid parking on the grassed areas. The school continues to grow and the car park will be busy in the morning and afternoon. **Please do not park in the dropping off zone during the morning** as this is vital in our attempts to ensure a good flow of traffic. You can make use of our Breakfast Club that opens at 8 a.m. every morning and we do ask you to avoid arriving in the last few minutes before 8.55 a.m. when the bell rings. **If at all possible, it would help the parking situation in the morning if you could ensure a swift departure from the school yard and parking area once you have dropped off your child in school from 8.45 onwards. This would also improve the parking situation as the parking area becomes very busy from 8.45 onwards.**

The staff will be parking in the furthest spaces from the school so you may double park here. Another option would be to park in the Bonc Wen car park and walk to school.

Privacy notice – The school's privacy notice is displayed on the school website. Please ensure you have read the notice and are aware of its content.

Cycling to school – Many pupil enjoy cycling to school. However, we would encourage you as parents /carers to ensure that your child wears an appropriate safety helmet.

Dogs - May we also take this opportunity to remind you that dogs are not permitted on to the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

Aldi – The school is supporting the Aldi's Kit for Schools programme, which gives schools the opportunity to win physical education resources, as well as £20,000. To those of you who do shop at Aldi, please can you send any stickers you receive , to school with your child, to be presented to the classteacher. The target is to collect 300 stickers. Thank you.

School Uniform - It is pleasing to see the pupils looking very smart at the beginning of the new school year. Thank you to all parents who have co-operated in ensuring the children wear the school uniform as well as black shoes (not trainers), as informed at the end of last term. May we remind you that **RAM Leisure** are now the sole suppliers of our school uniform. Their address is **Trinity House, Whitegate Industrial Estate, Whitegate Rd, Wrexham LL13 8UG**. Their telephone number is **360360**. You can order on their website **www.ourschoolwear.co.uk**. Click on 'junior schools' and you will see the school badge. You will be directed to the relevant page. Can I also remind you to mark your child's clothing including PE kit, as well as shoes with his/her name.
Please ensure that you child's uniform, including shoes, is clearly labelled with his/her name. I would also like to remind parents/carers that your child will require PE kit for weekly PE sessions. We ask the children to wear Blue/Navy shorts and blue/navy T shirt/polo shirt for these sessions. The children are able to wear the school blue polo shirt if they wish. The Foundation Phase pupils should keep their P.E. kit (blue shorts, blue polo shirt and trainers) in school (clearly labelled) so they can enjoy P.E. when appropriate.

Schoop – Please ensure that you have updated your the details for your child's class on schoop, to ensure that you receive the correct information. (see attached information sheet)As we work towards reducing the use of paper in school, all parents/carers will need to ensure they have registered with schoop, as it will be used to inform you of letters which are occasionally only displayed on the school website, rather than paper copies being provided. The school website is also available, which includes other information about the school.(http://ysgolidhooson.cymru). The school also makes use of Twitter to share information which can also be viewed through the website.

Morning Snack - We kindly ask Nursery and Reception to pay for their fruit (morning snack) for the whole half term. We ask you to pay £7 for the half term during next week. This will save valuable school time and ease the arrangements. We are encouraging the children to bring a healthy snack to school for break times. Morning snack is also available for years 3,4,5 and 6 at a cost of 20p per day. As part of the Local Authority's Healthy Schools initiative, we encourage the children to eat a healthy diet by bringing healthy snacks for break times. If your child does decide to bring his/her own snack, then we ask the **children not to bring crisps, chocolate and sweets as a snack, as well as fizzy pop and other sugary soft drinks.**

Bringing money to school - When children are required to contribute or pay for an activity in school, please ensure that any payments are placed in a clearly labelled envelope and given to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

School Dinners - The cost of school dinners is currently **£2.35 (Foundation Phase) and £2.40 (Years 3/4/5 and 6)**. We will be unable to provide a school meal for pupils where more than a day of dinner money is owed. Could you please ensure that such a situation does not arise.

Pupil information form – IMPORTANT - Please complete the pupil information form. This will enable us to update our records in school. Please return to your child's classteacher by Wednesday September 11th.(1.photographic consent 2.arrangements for end of school day. 3. School visit form 4.pupil information)

Safety within the school building - As safety and security is always a priority in school, I would like to remind you as parents/carers to report to the office if you require to enter the school building, explaining why you need to enter the building. Authorisation will be required to enter the building.

Many thanks for your co-operation and continued support.

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher