

Ysgol Cynfran - Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2020 – Week 1

Update from the Headteacher

Our last real day in school took place on March 20. We have all had to manage a huge change in our lives since that date. Our school was used as a setting from that date for the children of parents who were key workers.

In readiness for a return to more normal schooling, we re-opened the building on June 29, for children whose parents wanted to check in and catch up with friends and class teachers.

Yesterday was a return to school for all children in Reception, Years 2, 4 & 6, and today we were open for children in Years 1, 3 & 5.

We have spent much time in school preparing for this return, and it has all paid off. I do not underestimate how much planning has taken place and how many risk assessments have been undertaken. This has helped to keep everyone as safe as possible during these uncertain times.

I thank you all again for being at the right gate at the right time for handing over your children to us. The looks on their faces were fantastic. So many were so pleased to be back here with their wider family of friends and school staff.

Every parent and carer who dropped off did so with social distancing in mind and at the end of the day, we saw the same level of respect towards one another. This has made the setting so much safer, and means we can operate at full capacity from Monday. ALL year groups will re-join us next week, following these two taster days this week. Again, please use the same gates and same times.

We re-open Breakfast Club and After School Club on Monday too. You will have received separate communication on these, and if you need to make a new enquiry, please contact us.

The children have adjusted magnificently to their new routines. Their class teachers have explained how we need to work, and play in different ways, because of COVID-19. Your children have adapted immediately and this demonstrates how willing they have been to play their part in staying safe, and helping others to stay safe.

Breakfast Club

Reopens **Monday 7th September, 8am**

Confirmation and further details have been emailed to all parents who have a place for their child.

Breakfast Club is now full. If you require a place your child's name will be placed on our waiting list.

Please remember to be careful outside of school. Alert us if any of your children develop symptoms: high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell. We will ask you and your children this every day, but please do not send them in if you are worried. There is help via NHS.

Please send in a spare pair of footwear, with your child's name. These can be outdoor spare footwear and/or indoor footwear. I know many children loved bringing in a spare pair of slippers.

I was delighted to see so many children enjoy hot dinners already this week. Gemma and her team are ready for your orders. Again, the children followed a simple new system into the Hall and sat together in year groups for their meals.

Playtimes were dry, but please ensure your child comes to school with a coat. We want children to be outside as often as possible. As they adjust to normal timetables and routines, we are providing them with more mini breaks between lessons. A coat allows this to happen at any time in the day, when a pit stop is helpful for them.

Our school staff have spent much time re-arranging class space and activities, so that we can all look after your children and teach them in as safe an environment as possible. They are all superstars.

We welcome Nursery children on Monday. Mrs Jones is very excited! She will collect your loved ones at her door, as we know they and you may be a little apprehensive. My advice if your son or daughter will not leave you to join Mrs Jones, is to not make the situation more stressful. Take them back up the steps for a little walk and try again in five minutes time. If that doesn't work, I think the best approach is to try again Tuesday. They will settle, but it may just take a little longer.

Have a lovely weekend and once again, my sincere thanks to you all for helping us to help your wonderful children return to school.

Regards,
Mr Rogers

News from the Kitchen

School dinners are £2.70 and will be charged to your child's Parent Pay account. Dinners must be paid for promptly.

Next week the kitchen will be following week 2 of the school menu. Link below:

[Menu](#)

If you think you maybe entitled to Free School Meals further details can be found on Conwy's website.

[Free School Meals Website](#)



Important Dates

7 Sept

Reopening of
Breakfast Club &
After School Club

16 Oct – 2 Nov

Half-term

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In their first day in full time school, look at how busy Dosbarth Derbyn were!



Reception and BI2 at dinners



Children in Juniors played on the field in the year group zones.

We have coned off areas each day so children know where their safe zone is.



BI1 enjoying their first day back.



BI3



BI5

