



## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Tuesday 13 April 2021

Dear parent/carers

I hope that you have enjoyed a happy Easter. It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back for the start of the summer term today. Children have been keen to return to classes and with their friends and we are looking forward with optimism to a summer term with as little disruption as possible. We will be making the most of the dry weather to maximise time outdoors while we continue observing the effective hygiene and risk reduction procedures throughout our time in school to ensure that pupils and staff remain as safe as possible.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

As advised last half term, pupils will need to be collected from school at lunchtime on Wednesdays during this half term, beginning on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Pupils should be collected from their normal exit points at the following times:

	Collected from	Collected at
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>NO CHANGE</b>	
<b>Reception</b>	Conway Road	12.30
<b>Year 1</b>	Playground	12:40
<b>Year 2</b>	Playground	12:30
<b>Year 3</b>	George St steps	12:30
<b>Year 4</b>	George St ramp	12:40
<b>Year 5</b>	George St steps	12:40
<b>Year 6</b>	George St ramp	12:30

As previously, only **one adult** should collect children and all adults/families should disperse as quickly as possible at the end of the day.

Our lunch service will begin slightly early on Wednesday so that all pupils have the opportunity to eat lunch before being collected. Children who are having meals provided by school will continue to eat their lunch in the school hall with their bubble, following our social distancing procedures.

Pupils who bring a packed lunch to school will eat lunch with the rest of their bubble in their classroom, supervised by teaching staff.

We appreciate that some families may prefer to feed pupils at home after they have been collected from school and you are, of course, welcome to choose to do so.

Our kitchen staff have kindly agreed to swap menu items from Wednesday to Tuesday as we know that Wednesday is a particularly popular day. As a result, roast dinners will now be served on a Tuesday during this period. The Tuesday menu will be served on Wednesday. The primary spring/summer menu is available at <https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/School-Menus.aspx> (note this menu does not include the swap just described above).

As explained previously, these arrangements are a temporary measure to enable teachers to plan, prepare and assess pupils' learning while staff are not able to move between bubbles. We will review this arrangement at the start of May.

Where parents/carers have already contacted school to advise of specific individual circumstances, I can confirm that we have arrangements in place to address these.

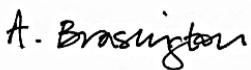
### **FACE COVERINGS**

While it is certainly good to recognise that case numbers have reduced significantly in our area, it would be unwise to become complacent. Events elsewhere are a constant reminder that the virus is being suppressed – not eliminated.

We are maintaining the same rigorous risk management procedures in school to provide the best chance of school running safely so that children can continue to attend.

We ask that all parents/carers continue to support this effort by following safe practices of social distancing and mask wearing. It was concerning this morning to see many parents not wearing face coverings, including those coming onto the school playground. We will continue to keep our arrangements under review but rely heavily on parents and carers to ensure that these remain effective. Thank you.

Kind regards,



Mr A Brasington