



# YSGOL GYNRADD PARC Y BONT

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Dear Parents,

Everyone has settled back to school after the summer holiday, and a warm welcome to all new pupils.

At the beginning of the school year, I wish to draw your attention to the following important matter and we trust that we will have your full co-operation.

## **Morning arrangements / Morning Care Club / Free Breakfast Club**

**Morning care club is held between 7.50am and 8.15am** with families paying a fee of £1 per day per child that's to be paid on-line. Free Breakfast Club begins at **8.15am** and breakfast will be served until **8.30am** – children **will not** be admitted to the club after this time. If they are not at the Breakfast Club by 8.30am, please be aware that there will be NO supervision for the children before 8.40am

Staff greets children and parents by the gates. Nursery children parents only to accompany their children to the classroom door.

## **Monitoring Attendance and Punctuality**

School day starts at 8.50am and I kindly ask you to ensure that your child comes to school on time. If your child is absent for any reason, could you please telephone the school before 9.00am. We carefully monitor the attendance of every child every half term and you will receive a report on your child's attendance. Please see the attached letter from the Education Officer.

## **Raising Reading Standards / Reading Records**

This year, emphasis will be placed on reading and raising attainment in reading across the school. We kindly ask parents to read with their child / encourage them to read for at least 10 minutes every night and record in their Reading Record at least once a week. This includes every child up to Year 6.

We ask for your co-operation to make sure that your child brings their reading bag to school **every day** (Yrs.1-6). We will ensure that books will be sent back home on a daily basis.

## **School Meals payments / Other payments**

School dinner is £2.40 per day, **to be paid using our online payments system on 'School gateway'** that will allow you to make payments directly to us using your debit or credit card. The Isle of Anglesey County Council has adopted a clear "**Up front payment for school meals**" policy relating to the payment and provision of school meals. This is to ensure that, other than where there is an entitlement to free school meals, parents or carers pay in advance for children's meals. If debts are incurred then the school budget has to cover this cost. Children will not be provided with a school meal unless it is paid for, except those entitled to Free School Meals. If a parent genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance of ten meals.

This year, the school is aiming to be 'cash free' and therefore we encourage parents to make all payments on School gateway (except for the fruit shop). If you have not registered yet, you will need to register for a School Gateway account from <https://schoolgateway.anglesey.gov.uk> under the 'New User' tab. You will need to enter your email address and mobile number **that we have on record for you**. Please contact us if you need further guidance. 'School Gateway' app is an easy way to make payments to the school using your phone/tablet.

## **Milk**

Milk is offered free of charge to the infants – Nursery-Yr.2. Milk is not provided for the Juniors.



### **School Uniform**

We kindly ask you to conform to our expectations regarding the school uniform. Could you please ensure that your child's name is sewn/written on each garment clearly, especially school jumpers and cardigans.

### **Physical Education**

P.E sessions for the classes will be on the following days:

Nursery/Reception – Monday

Yr.3 & 4 – Thursday

Yr. 1 & 2 – Thursday

Yr. 5 & 6 – Friday

T-shirt, shorts and trainers are necessary for each session (Nursery/Reception do not require trainers this term).

### **Communicating with parents**

Text messages will be sent to remind you of different events and to provide information at short notice.

Several of you have chosen to receive letters/information via email – please check your email regularly for correspondences from the school

We share information, dates and photos of different activities on our website and on Facebook and Twitter - 'Like' our 'Ysgol Parc y Bont' page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @YsgolParcyBont.

### **General Data Protection Regulation**

In order to comply with GDPR that came into force in May, please complete the form that will be sent home today and return to school this week.

### **Urdd**

Urdd sessions will be held every Monday until 4.15pm for students from Reception to Year 6. First session will be next week (17/9/18) and the last session for this term will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December. For your child(ren) to take part in the Urdd's activities; including their sport activities and competitions; they need to be a member of the Urdd. Please register your child on their website <http://www.urdd.cymru/en/join/>.

### **Dates**

Within the next few weeks, we will send you a copy of the school calendar for the academic year. We will inform you of additional activities, events and visits that will be arranged as they arise. School holidays dates has been sent out via email. Our school calendar on our website is updated frequently.

### **Ysgol Parc y Bont and Ysgol Brynsiencyn Management Partnership**

The Local Education Authority has asked the Governors to continue with the partnership for another term. Therefore, I will be at Ysgol Brynsiencyn every Monday and Thursday and Mr Rhys Ynyr Jones has been appointed as temporary deputy headteacher until the end of the term.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours,

**Iwan Wyn Taylor**  
(Headteacher)

