

# Ysgol Bryngwyn School

## Update for Parents – New Term Arrangements September 2023



"Giving our Best"  
"Yn rhoi o'n gorau"



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our learners on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, as we commence a busy and exciting new academic year. In particular, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils who will join us for the very first time in Year 7. We hope they enjoy their first day of secondary school.

The school day will commence at 8.30am and end at 2.50pm as normal. The building will be open to learners from 8.00am and we would appreciate your support to enable a prompt start to the day with learners in their registration rooms by 8.30am at the latest. On arrival, all pupils will be greeted by their form teacher and Head of Pupil Progress who will guide them through the school's more detailed procedures. Buses will bring children to the school car park. For parents who wish to bring children by car, you are welcome to use the car park.

On arrival, learners should head to their year group corridors as follows:

YEAR 7	E Corridor
YEAR 8	D Corridor
YEAR 9	C Corridor
YEAR 10	A Corridor
YEAR 11	B Corridor

Staff will be on hand to direct pupils if needed. Please note that our usual safety procedures at the end of the school day remain in place. The school gates will be closed at 2.45 – 3.00pm and no cars or buses are to move in the carpark until all pupils have left to ensure a safe and calm exit.

All learners will be issued new timetables and planners on their first day, and we will begin on week one.

### **Transport**

School buses will operate normally from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. Full bus timetables and transport application forms can be found on the link <https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Bus-Timetables/>. This service is run by Carmarthenshire local Authority and not the school. If you experience any issues, please contact them on 01267 228326. Bus passes have been issued directly to pupils via post with details including timetables and routes. All information and updates regarding buses can be found on the link [www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/schooltransport](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/schooltransport).

### **Catering arrangements**

Lunch arrangements will be very similar to last year with Y7-9 utilising the main canteen and Y10-11 accessing the converted Drama Hall canteen. Both canteens serve the same food and provide a large seating area for pupils to enjoy their lunch. There will also be an outdoor hatch offering lighter snacks on a "Grab and Go" basis. At the start of the year, we will stagger lunchtimes to allow Year 7 a little more time to find their way around and become familiar with the systems.

The school operates a cashless system through ParentPay. Year 7 learners will have received information regarding catering in schools including a parent consent/allergy form that needs to be returned before pupils can be added to the biometric cashless system. **Please ensure all year 7 pupils and new learners bring their signed consent form to school on their first day.** A copy of the form is added to the end of this newsletter if needed. Further information on Parent pay can be found on the link [Ysgol Bryngwyn School - Parent Pay](#).

During morning break, the canteen will not be open to serve food and therefore, we recommend that pupils should bring their own snacks and drinks as needed.

## Uniform

On return to school, all pupils will be expected to wear normal uniform as specified on our school website. Please see the link: [Ysgol Bryngwyn School - School Uniform](#). A grant is available for school uniform and equipment for families who are eligible. Please see the link for more information: [School Uniform & Equipment Grant](#). In addition, Bryngwyn is developing a uniform swap shop to support families, where needed. Please follow our newsletters and social media pages for more details this term or get in touch with your child's Head of Year.

## Building works

Once again, it has been a busy summer with a great deal of building works undertaken. Our new learning lodge has been installed at the rear of the school, behind J Block. This will provide space for bespoke learning activities and will also be home to our wellbeing centre as we begin work on the new canteen and Science block.

## Results Day – Celebrations!

All of us at Bryngwyn enjoyed a very busy but wonderfully rewarding day on the 24th August where we celebrated the external results of our learners who sat GCSE and vocational courses. Learners in Year 11 and 10 attained an excellent set of results, and our pupils and their parents had a really enjoyable day. The smiling faces, positive comments and many messages of thanks are testament to the hard work of our pupils, and the outstanding support received from their teachers and parents. **Well done to everyone involved, and in particular a huge thank you to everybody who supported these learners throughout the year for all your efforts that have culminated in such success.**

## Expectations

At Bryngwyn we have always had high expectations of behaviour, and we are proud of the excellent standards maintained by the vast majority of our learners. **Respect, relationships** and **responsibility** are key elements of our school culture which extends to everyone in our community including pupils, staff, parents and the wider community in which we live. We are a proudly caring school, and firmly believe that everyone has an important part to play in developing an inclusive community where every pupil can feel safe and happy in their learning.

By working together in partnership, we can enjoy a positive start to the year in a happy school where learners feel they belong. We want to support our learners and families as best we can to help each individual achieve and we have compiled a list of useful external information that parents may find useful as a source of reference if needed. Please see the following link <https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/Parents/Useful-Information-and-Advice/>.

## Finally

As a school, we are so proud of the way we all worked together as a community over the course of last year to do the best for our young people and our community, and the way that it then translated into such great outcomes for all pupils, be it academic or pastoral. The way in which we have all supported one another and come together, truly shows what we are about and how we continue to strive "to be the best that we can be".

Thank you for your continued support, of both our school, our community and your own wider families. We once again wish you well and look forward to welcoming your children back, **Tuesday 5th September** with an **8.30am** start for all year groups.

Kind regards,

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**Head of School**

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## CASHLESS CATERING

Carmarthenshire County Council's School Catering Service collects and uses biometric information about your child to provide our cashless catering system, which makes it easier for pupils to pay for school meals. The information we use is an algorithm based on your child's fingerprint (we do not record the actual fingerprint). This information remains within the payment system within the school.

For more information about how we use personal data, please visit the School Catering Service's Privacy Notice, which you can access from the homepage of our website [www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales)

**We can issue a payment card as an alternative, however, using this limited biometric data is more secure and faster than other methods of identification.**

If you'd prefer to have a payment card issued, please tick this box:

Child's Full Name (PRINT):	
Year / Class:	
Name of Parent/Guardian:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	
Date:	

Please also confirm if your child has any food allergies/intolerances (✓) so that this information can be recorded on our system:

	Celery	<input type="checkbox"/>		Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mustard	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gluten	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lupin	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nuts	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Crustaceans	<input type="checkbox"/>		Milk	<input type="checkbox"/>		Peanuts	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mollusc	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sesame Seeds	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Soya	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sulpha Dioxide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OTHER (Please state):</b>		

### **\*IMPORTANT\***

**Your child's completed form must be returned to school on the first day of term in September when arrangements will be made for your child to be registered onto the system**

**Thank you for your cooperation Helen Bailey, Senior Catering Manager**

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