Ysgol Bryngwyn School

Update for Parents – New Term Arrangements September 2025

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our learners on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025,** 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	A Corridor
YEAR 9	B Corridor
YEAR 10	D Corridor
YEAR 11	C 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 2nd 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. For further information and updates regarding buses, please see 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 aims to support families in our community as much as possible and throughout the year we will be in touch with information on how we can help with uniform for your child. Please follow our newsletters and social media pages for more details this term or get in touch with your child's Head of pupil progress.

Mobile Phones

This September sees the launch of the new mobile phone policy in all Secondary School across Carmarthenshire. The simple strap line **'On site out of sight'** reminds pupils that mobile phones must be off and in their bags for the duration of time that they are on site at school. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call reception who will help you to reach your child. The full policy document can be found on our website including frequently asked questions: https://www.bryngwynschool.co.uk/School-Policies/.

You may also find the resources created by the Local Authority in collaboration with schools useful: Mobile phone policy, phones out of sight - Carmarthenshire County Council

Building works

It has been a busy summer as the major developments at Bryngwyn continue to progress at speed. The new 3G pitch is complete and will be fully operational very soon. The new canteen and Science block is well underway and a new link building is currently being erected to join the block to the existing school. Whilst these are exciting developments for our school, they will continue to create some disruption to areas of the school at various times. All pupils will be fully briefed of any changes and developments on the first day and throughout the school year. We are proud of how respectful and responsible pupils were over the course of last year and fully expect the same approach this academic year as we work together to develop the Bryngwyn community. Thank you for your continued patience as this significant project continues. We will endeavour to keep our community updated as the site takes shape.

Car Park developments

Our new safer and bigger car park has been developed over the Summer period and will provide better circulation for pick ups and drop offs. The bus bays are fully segregated to limit congestion, and pupils coped very well with arrangements last term. Please could we ask for your continued commitment to pupil safety by avoiding any movement of cars at the end of the day whilst pupils exit the site. 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. In addition, please be mindful of site speed limits and pupil crossings when dropping pupils off in the morning.

Fence Line/Reception

Our temporary reception will continue to operate down the service road entrance, signposted from the car park. We are also very pleased to have new internal fence lines erected within the school boundaries, ensuring the school site is pedestrianised and safety of our pupils is increased.

Communication

As many of you will be aware, our communication app is called EdulinkOne. This app allows you to keep on top of latest updates direct to your phone, as well as track your pupils attendance, progress and achievements. We can also share information, alerts and reports specifically for your child. Information on how to sign up can be found here: Ysgol Bryngwyn School - Edulink One.

Results Day – Celebrations!

All of us at Bryngwyn enjoyed a very busy but wonderfully rewarding day on the 21st 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

As we approach the new term, we wish to remind our learners of the high expectations of behaviour and engagement at Bryngwyn. We are proud of the excellent standards maintained by nearly all 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 strong progress for our 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 our school, our community and your own wider families. We once again wish you well and look forward to welcoming your children back, **Tuesday 2nd September** with an **8.30am** start for all year groups.

Kind regards,

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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

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/intolerences (✓) so that this information can be recorded on our system:

	Celery			Fish			Mustard	
	Gluten			Lupin			Nuts	
	Crustaceans			Milk			Peanuts	
	Eggs			Mollusc			Sesame Seeds	
	Soya			Sulpha Dioxide		**OTHER (Please state):**		

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

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Thank you for your cooperation Helen Bailey, Senior Catering Manager

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