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Dear parents, carers and governors

Grateful thanks

I would like to extend my gratitude to all parents and carers for supporting their children through this difficult and challenging period and with the online learning tasks. I thank and congratulate the children for their perseverance and commitment to online learning, I know it has not been easy and that they've missed the routine of coming to school and seeing their friends and the staff. My thanks is also extended to the governors for their support to me as head teacher and for their time to attend online meetings and ensure that all documents and procedures are fit for purpose.

Finally, I thank **all** the staff for their support, eagerness to ensure consistency between school and home, commitment to the wellbeing of each other and pupils and supporting the hub schools and key worker families during lockdown in Tenby and Crymych Childcare Hubs. In addition, I also thank the teaching and support staff for their amazing efforts in continuing to provide daily literacy and mathematics tasks for every child, thematic activities to broaden the children's learning, bespoke reading and spelling lists, the 'keeping in touch' phone calls, email and telephone support and consistent feedback on all tasks and attending the weekly online staff meetings.

It has been an extraordinary year to say the least, full of ups and downs and many new challenges to overcome however, together we are stronger and together we will succeed - '**Mewn undod y mae nerth**'.
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Farwell

Following our fun day yesterday for year 6 pupils, I would like to wish them all the very best of luck in the next new and exciting chapter of their lives. Please remember what you have learned at Ysgol Hafan y Môr, be kind, keep smiling and always aim to achieve the best in everything you do.

We will also be bidding farewell to Miss Sara Williams, who has been a dedicated member of the support staff team in the Reception class. We wish her the best of luck as she begins her PGCE (teacher Training) degree in September - Pob lwc i ti Miss Williams!

Arrangements for September

As you are aware, following the announcement by the Education Minister for Wales, Kirsty Williams on 9th July 2020, **all** learners will be able to return to schools in the autumn term. We will continue to follow many of the procedures and protocols already established and implemented during the 4 week, 'Check in, Catch up & Prepare' sessions.

Everyone's wellbeing and safety has been at the heart of all planning.

Under no circumstances, should learners come to school if they feel unwell, if they have any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (**constant cough, high temperature or failure of smell or taste**) or if they have had a positive result for Covid-19 in the last 14 days, live with someone who has Covid-19 or is living with a person who has had a positive result for Covid-19 in the last 14 days.

I am confident that we have ensured, to the best of our ability that your child can return to school safely. We have extensive measures in place that will protect them and the staff. We look forward to

welcoming **all** our pupils back to school in September. Although there will **initially** not be any penalties incurred due to your child not returning to school, the situation will be closely monitored by the local authority and Welsh Government during the first half term and the WG guidance states clearly that; "all learners of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies or medical evidence is provided (e.g. the learner is unable because of sickness)." Online learning **will not** be provided to learners if a parent **chooses** to keep their child home.

Arrangements for return in September 2020

1st & 2nd September - Planning & preparation days (school closed to all pupils)

3rd September - All **STATUTORY** aged pupils (reception - Yr.6) and **Nursery children who had already started in school in January 2020** to return. This will be designated as a transition day. Pupils will spend the morning in their previous class during the morning session and move into their new class in the afternoon.

4th September - **ALL** pupils to return and **begin in new classes** for the day. **Nursery children, January and April in-take to attend morning session** and **Nursery children, September in-take to attend afternoon session.**

You **must arrive and collect at school at the times stated** below. * Please note - **It is very important that you arrive/collect on time to ensure that we protect everyone's health, safety and wellbeing to the best of our ability.**

School starting times

Please note the following times for pupil drop off;

Yr.1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2: 8.40-8.50am

Cylch Meithrin Tonnau Bach & Reception: 8.45 - 8.55am

Nursery *Morning session - Older children (Christmas & Easter 2020): 8.55 - 9.05am and collection at 11.50am.

Nursery * Afternoon session - Younger children (September 2020): 12.55 - 1.05pm

School finishing times

Please note the following times for pupil pick up;

Nursery *Afternoon session - Younger children (September 2020): 2.55 - 3pm

Cylch Meithrin Tonnau Bach & Reception: 3.00 - 3.05pm

Yr.1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2: 3.05-3.15 pm

Arrangements for the school day - information for pupils:

- 1) Stand on the blue dot next to your classroom and wait for your class teacher to call you into class. (You can see how to do this safely by watching the videos I sent on 21.6.2020 via ParentMail)
- 2) When you enter your class you will need to wash / sanitize your hands at the sanitizing station.
- 3) You will stay in your classroom '**bubbles**' for the day with your class teacher and another member(s) of staff. If you are in dosbarth Sêr y Môr (Reception), Cregyn (Yr 1) and Ynys Bŷr (Yr 2), you will eat your lunch in your class bubbles in the hall. If you are in yrs 3 - 6 dosbarth Harbwr, Cestyll Tywod and Cychod, you will eat lunch in the class. Following lunch, you'll go out to play in your class groups in designated areas of the school yard / field.
- 4) When it's home time, your parent will follow the one-way white arrows and stand on a blue dot next to your classroom at the correct collection time. When your class teacher sees your parent and it's safe to do so, your class teacher will let you go to them. You will then follow the one way arrows out of the school grounds with your parent. (You can see how to do this safely by watching the videos I sent on 21.6.2020 via ParentMail)

Class arrangements

Dosbarth / Class	Blwyddyn Ysgol / Year Groups	Staff
Cylch Meithrin Tonnau Bach	Gofal Cofleidiol + plant 2oed / Wrap Around Provision + 2yr old provision	Miss Angharad Davies Mrs Emma Rossiter Miss Tyler Tszura
1 - Pysgod Chwim	Meithrin rhan amser / Part-time Nursery *Morning session - Older children (Christmas & Easter 2020) + *Afternoon session - Younger children (September 2020)	Ms Sian Slack Miss Lowri Morgan
2 - Sêr y Môr	Derbyn / Reception	Mrs Sue Phillips Nia Currado Miss Lowri Slack Mrs Lisbeth Callegari
3 - Cregyn	Blwyddyn 1 / Year 1	Mrs Mags Lewis Miss Sian Morgan
4 - Ynys Bŷr	Blwyddyn 2 / Year 2	Mrs Sioned King Miss Hayley Davies
5 - Yr Harbwr	Blwyddyn 3 / Year 3	Mr Dylan Hughes Mrs Eleri Gill
6 - Cestyll Tywod	Blwyddyn 4 / Year 4	Miss Lowri Jones Mrs Jenna Swenson
7 - Cychod	Blwyddyn 5+6 / Year 5+6	Mr Jonathan Thomas Miss Jess Prince

Staff appointments

We currently have an advertisement for an additional learning support assistant. I will notify you of the new members of staff following the appointment process.

Hand washing

Pupils will follow a specific timetable for hand washing and sanitizing their hands consistently throughout the day. A sanitizing station will be located in all classrooms and at different locations across the school.

School Uniform

All pupils to wear appropriate school uniform in line with the school's policy in September 2020.

<http://ysgolhafanymor.cymru/media/65557/School-Uniform-Policy.pdf>

Breakfast Club & Clwb Hwyl (After School Club Provision)

The forms questionnaire to book a place closed at 5pm today. Uptake for both Breakfast Club and Clwb Hwyl (after school club) are **exceptionally** high. Children attending the clubs will remain in family groups where possible and it will not be possible to keep children in their class bubbles for either club. If for any reason you **do not** need either provision please let us know as soon as possible.

PE Kit

On the day your child has PE, we ask that your child wears their **kit** to school for the whole day (**please ensure that they wear the school PE kit along with appropriate footwear**). This is to stop the need for changing (*reducing cross contamination risk*) and because as a school, we feel that the changing rooms are too confined at this current time. Also remember to send your child with a coat if needed.

PE days

Yrs. 2 - 6: **Monday**

Yr. 1, Reception & Nursery - **information to follow in September.**

Toys and equipment from home

We kindly ask that children **do not** bring any toys to school. They should only bring the minimal amount of items required; reading record/ coat/ sun hat/ water bottle/ snack/ packed lunch if required. All other items will be supplied in school therefore there will be **no need for a large bag & pencil case**. This will reduce the risk of cross contamination and minimise risk to all.

Learning at home and reading books

We will continue to provide learning at home tasks for the weekend in your child's Hwb account (yrs 1-6). Your child will have a reading record which will be sent home on a daily basis. This will note the book your child is reading but the reading book will not be sent home as all books in the reading schemes can be accessed via the online library in your child's Hwb account. The only time your child will take a reading book home is if they are not reading a book from one of the non-featured reading schemes/ reading cards or it is a book from the school's library. These measures will ensure that there are no unnecessary books being transferred between home and school again, minimising the risk of cross contamination and minimise risk to all and ensuring that we keep our depleting stock of reading books in school. If you do have any reading/ school books at home we would be grateful if you could return these as our stocks are very low.

Water bottles and snacks

Your child will need to bring a water bottle and **healthy** snack to school daily with their name written clearly on the bottle and snack tub/plastic container. Please note, due to the current situation there will be no fruit shop provision.

Arrangements for lunch

Children in Reception, yr 1 & 2 will eat at staggered times in the hall and pupils in yrs 3 - 6 will eat in their classrooms. This is to ensure that we continue to minimise the flow of traffic in the circulatory areas and minimise the possibility of cross contamination of class bubbles. If your child is not having a school lunch they will need a plastic lunchbox with a cold block inside. Your child's name must be written clearly on the cold block and plastic lunchbox.

Lunch monies

Please note as of 1st September 2020 lunch monies will increase to the following per day:

Infant lunch (Nursery - Yr.2)	£2.55
Junior lunch (Yr.3 - Yr.6)	£2.65

If you believe that you may be eligible for your child/ren to receive free school meals please collect a form from the reception area.

Play time

Where possible, children will play in their class bubbles again, this is to minimise the possibility of cross contamination.

Appointment system

Although we pride ourselves on our open door policy, due to the current concerns around cross contamination and minimising risk to all, we kindly ask that if a parent/ carer wishes to speak to a member of staff that they telephone; 01834 843248 or email; admin.ysgolhafanymor@pembrokeshire.gov.uk the school to make an appointment for a telephone meeting /conversation at a mutually convenient time for both parties. Unfortunately, no face to face meetings can be held.

Information regarding holiday dates and INSET days (school closure days)

Please note that these have been updated and are on the school website calendar

<http://ysgolhafanymor.cymru/home/calendar/>

Planning & preparing days (school closed to pupils)	01 & 02.09.2020
Half term	19 - 31.10.2020
Christmas Break	21.12.2020 - 01.01.2021
INSET (school closed to pupils)	04.01.2021
INSET (school closed to pupils)	26.01.2021
Half term	15 - 19.02.2021
Easter Break	29.03 - 09.04.2021
INSET (school closed to pupils)	12.04.2021

INSET (school closed to pupils)

28.05.2021

Half term

31.05 - 04.06.2021

INSET (school closed to pupils)

19 & 20.07.2021

Happy holidays to all and we look forward to meeting again in September.

Thank you all once again - parents, children, staff, governors and friends of the school for your support and co-operation.

Best wishes

V Griffiths

Mrs Griffiths
Head teacher