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Annwyl Rhieni

Croeso nol i pawb! Welcome back to everyone! I hope you have all had a fantastic Summer and made some great memories with your families. It has been great seeing the children return today and they have all settled in well to their new classes.

Below I have summarised important information and this will hopefully allow for everyone to be aware of expectations for the coming year.

2024-25 school priorities

As you know, we are always trying to improve Ysgol Frongoch and as part of the School Self Improvement cycle last year we have identified 4 areas which we will focus on this year as our main School Improvement Priorities. They are:

Priority 1:

Ensure teaching provides appropriate challenge for pupils and that feedback helps them improve their work.

Priority 2:

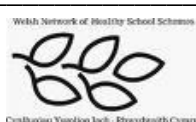
Ensure teachers provide pupils with a range of learning opportunities to enrich their learning.

Priority 3:

Improve Welsh Speaking and Listening standards.

Priority 4:

Improve attendance of pupils who are persistently absent.



Parent/staff Year Group Expectation meeting

Years' 4, 5 and 6 parents/carers will be invited in to meet their child's class teacher/s on the following days:

Year 4/ 5: Thursday 12th September 5-5.30pm

Year 6: Wednesday 11th September 5-5.30pm

Please note: These meetings are intended to give parents/carers the necessary information which will allow their child/ren to settle in and make as much progress as possible this term. There will be individual parent evenings later on this half term to discuss your child/ren in more detail. Year 3 parent/carers have already had their Year Group Expectation meeting at the end of last term, to allow for the smooth transition from Ysgol Y Parc to Frongoch. If parents were unable to attend this meeting then please contact the office and information can be forwarded to you.

Attendance and Punctuality.

Please be aware that we adopt Denbighshire County Council's Attendance policy- please see our website for the policy- www.ysgolfrongoch.com . Each child's attendance is monitored very closely and we all recognise the importance of good punctuality and attendance. No term time holidays will be authorised. Should the school have any concerns about your child/ren's attendance then we will make contact with you early to discuss a support plan, in order to improve their punctuality/attendance.

Following 3+days of unauthorised absence parents/carers may be invited to attend a meeting in school to put together an Attendance Support Plan, with the aim to prevent further unauthorised absences.

A Fixed Penalty Notice Warning letter may be issued at 5 days unauthorised absence, and the Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued at 10 days unauthorised absence.

When filling out Absence Request Forms, it is important for parents/carers to add as much information as possible. An example would be for family weddings- please add where the wedding is to take place and the day of the wedding as this informs decisions regarding any potential authorised/unauthorised days.

As noted above, Attendance is a Priority for the school this year. Children who are 'persistently absent' [ie those children whose Attendance were below 90% last academic year] will be monitored very closely to ensure we are doing everything we can to improve their Attendance.

Pick up arrangements

At the end of the school day, it is the parent/carers' responsibility to arrange suitable pick up arrangements for their child. This in particular relates to children walking down the hill by themselves and waiting for someone to pick them up at the bottom of the hill. It also relates to children playing by car parks/ roads whilst waiting to be picked up at the end of the school day.

To safeguard our children, **we will be sending home a form for parents to complete with their individual child's 'usual' home time arrangements.** We understand that there may be some change at times, however, these can be communicated with the school office when needed. This will allow all staff to be aware of arrangements and avoid any potential confusion at the end of the school day. If we are in any doubt, we will always keep the child at school and contact the parent to confirm arrangements before allowing any children to leave the site. Due to the age of the children we always require adult consent for a child to walk home/leave the site with someone else.



As a school, we take any safeguarding matters very seriously and are duty bound to ensure we do everything we can to ensure the safety of all children. If we have concerns regarding the safety of any child we will try to discuss these concerns with parents/carers and report and work closely with all agencies to ensure the safety of the child is guaranteed.

Please note: The office is not always staffed and there will be occasions when an email or a phone call at the end of the school day will not be taken/seen. **It would be much appreciated if pick up arrangements are organised well in advance before the end of the school day, rather than a phone call/e-mail just before children are released.**

Resources

Children are encouraged to bring their own resources into school, all children will need a fully equipped pencil case. They will need to keep their own resources and only use their own resources. We encourage all children to bring their own water bottle/s into school on a daily basis. These must contain water only during class time, unless there is a specific medical need for an alternative. Please ensure all uniform and resources are labelled with your child's name. Pupils are also responsible for bringing their own snacks for morning break, should they require one. In line with our Healthy School policy these should be fruit snacks only.

PE Kit

Year groups will have PE days on different days. Teachers will communicate this with parents via Seesaw. On their PE days, children are to continue to come into school in their School PE kit (plain red t-shirt and black shorts/tracksuit bottoms) and to continue to wear their school jumper on these days.

Car Park

The car park at the front of the school is for staff and school visitors only. We ask all parents/carers to use the side car park for all drop off/pick ups every day- **including for breakfast club drop off and after school club pick up**. We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in keeping our children as safe as possible.

Seesaw

By now, parents who have had children at Frongoch for the last year or so will know that Seesaw is used by class teachers to share important information with parents and as an electronic learning journal. If you have not already signed up to Seesaw, please do so at the earliest opportunity. *Please note that if you wish to make contact with your child's class teacher you will need to contact the school office* [email and contact number above].

FSM and Menus

By now I'm sure you all know that all children of primary school age are able to have a Free School Meal every day. Please see the menu on our website www.ysgolfrongoch.com . This week is **Menu 1**.



To help reduce waste and to ensure an efficient service, please can we ask that each child knows what they want for the day- either hot dinner [from the menu], jacket potato and filling, sandwich with filling. Thanks in advance.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 19th September to take individual photographs.

Friends of Frongoch

We are hoping to host traditional events this year and also new ones- please contact the school office if you would like to offer your time to help out with Friends of Frongoch. Any parent is welcome to become a member of the Friends of Frongoch and any support is much appreciated.

With very best wishes

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Pennaeth / Headteacher

