



# Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE RE-OPENING BOOKLET FOR PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2020**

Whilst most of the re-opening information was contained in the Information for Parents September 2020 booklet which was published on the website and on Classlist, there are now some additional pieces of information which I would like to share with you. This information is based on the most recent guidance available to me.

### ***Coats and Wellies***

The children will still use their own cloakroom pegs and can bring coats as usual which will be hung on their peg. If required, wellies should be brought to school in a named plastic bag and will also be kept on your child's peg. Wellies can be wiped down with antibacterial wipes where necessary.

The number of children allowed in the cloakroom at one time is limited and will be supervised in the younger classes to ensure that children only make contact with their own belongings, as far as is possible.

### ***PE Kits***

The initial plan for PE kits has changed following recent guidance. Children are invited to attend school dressed in their PE kit on the day of their PE session and so will not be required to bring a PE bag into school for the immediate future. The reason for this is that it minimises the amount of contact between teachers and younger children who struggle to dress/undress independently, and it also reduces the need to use multiple changing areas for the older children who prefer to change separately, particularly in Years 5 and 6.

Any comfortable sportswear (e.g. jogging bottoms, T-shirt, sweatshirt and trainers) is fine and we wouldn't be expecting the usual uniform PE kit of shorts and T-shirts moving into the colder weather!

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### **Lunch Boxes & Water Bottles**

Wipe clean lunchboxes or lunch bags that can be washed in the washing machine frequently are recommended. Mid-morning snacks can also be put into the lunchbox to reduce the amount of boxes needing to be stored. The children will be called to get their own lunch boxes/snacks individually or in small groups (depending on the size of the class and where they are stored), therefore limiting how many children are collecting their lunchboxes at once. Children are welcome to bring their own water bottles and we also have disposable single-use drink cones which the children can use at the water stations.

Both lunch boxes and bottles must be clearly named or identifiable to your child by sight so that it is not necessary for them to be handling the boxes/bottles to check if it is theirs.

The children will be reminded regularly about the importance of not touching other people's belongings and it would also help us if you can reinforce this message at home.

Fortunately, when the children returned to school for the last three weeks of the summer term, we found that that they were very aware of the situation and of the need to act sensibly and appropriately. We were very proud and impressed by the way the children followed the processes and procedures so well, and I am confident that this will continue with frequent reminders and the modelling of good practice from staff and parents.

Finally, Mrs Davies (Year 2) will not be returning immediately at the beginning of term, but is expected to return to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The Year 2 class will be covered by Mrs Carby whilst Mrs Davies is absent.

I look forward to welcoming you all back over the next week or so.

Yours sincerely,



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