



# Ysgol Gynradd Tycroes Primary School

*Pontarddulais Road, Tycroes, Ammanford, SA18 3QD  
Pennaeth Dros dro / Acting Headteacher: Mr Stephen Thomas*

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020*

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, thank you for my kind welcome upon greeting you to school this morning. I am excited to be a part of Ysgol Tycroes for the duration of Mrs Watts' absence and will strive to support the pupils, staff, governing body and yourselves as parents and carers to the best of my ability, ensuring all pupils continue to make progress in their learning during the absence of Mrs Watts.

My focus in my work is very simple. The pupils. Every decision I make will always place the pupils first. My values are paramount to me and how I will hold myself to account whilst working with you. These are:

1. **Safe** – Ensuring we as a staff create an environment for every pupil, staff member and visitor to our school, where they feel safe and secure.
2. **Relationships** – Relationships are the foundation to a happy school. Excellent relationships are created with excellent communication, listening, kindness and problem solving. We will strive to provide you with this.
3. **Respect** – Good relationships are created through everyone treating and speaking to each other with respect at all times.
4. **Calmness** – I encourage calmness at all times. Our calmness provides our children with calmness, even in the most stressful and challenging of situations.
5. **Honesty** – A crucial value. The teams I work with and I will always be honest, even if we make a mistake. We ask all our pupils and parents/carers to do the same. We are all human and will make mistakes, it's important we own them, learn from them and try our best not to repeat them.
6. **Responsibility** – I will encourage that we all take responsibility for our actions. This helps us to focus on what we can do better as individuals, as well as what others can do to be better as well.
7. **Perseverance** – I will encourage all pupils and staff to work to the very best of their potential, being resilient and seeing challenges as exciting puzzles to solve.
8. **Positivity** – A positive mind is a happy mind. We will look for the positive in any situation we face.
9. **Fairness** – A very important value. Everyone deserves to be treated fairly and given the same opportunities to be successful in their education and work.
10. **Happy** – A happy school is like no other place in the world. When we achieve this for every pupil, they will learn to the very best of their ability.

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### **Leadership Arrangements:**

During my time with you, it has been arranged that I will be on site for one and a half days per week. This will be a **Tuesday (all day) and Thursday morning**, however, this time is flexible meaning I can attend the school when needed. I will also be able to support the leadership team and staff remotely throughout the week via telephone and virtually. During the time I am not on site, Mrs Rees, Deputy Headteacher, will hold the overall responsibility for the school site.

In the event you wish to speak with someone throughout the week with an issue, we have organized our time to ensure a member of the leadership team is available to talk, however, with current Coronavirus restrictions we kindly ask you to book an appointment by phoning or email us:

**Monday** – Mrs Rees (Deputy Headteacher)

**Tuesday** – Mr Thomas (Acting Headteacher)

**Wednesday** – Mrs Rees (Deputy Headteacher)

**Thursday** – Mr Thomas (Acting Headteacher)

**Friday** – Mrs Jones (ALNCO)

### **Current Coronavirus restrictions**

All of the current steps in place introduced by Mrs Watts and her team will remain in place to safeguard pupils and parents from Covid19. During my time with you, I will review the steps in place and may need to make adjustments based on the new weekly updated guidance we receive to ensure we are meeting all expectations as they change. I will ensure to communicate any changes to you in good time.

### **Parking incident**

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, a parent's vehicle has been damaged whilst bringing her child into school. The car was parked on the road leading to the staff car park and was a white vehicle. The police have been informed of this incident and may be present on site at some point this week. We are unaware whether this happened in the morning or during afternoon pick up, but would kindly ask anyone with any information to contact the school.

### **Year 1 Class Change**

From Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Mrs Nerys Timothy-Davies will be going on temporary leave until May 2021. Following observations of multiple teachers last week, it has been decided that Mrs Sara Wright will begin working with the Year 1 class from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. I'm sure you will all support in welcoming Mrs Wright to Tycroes school.

Best Wishes,  
Mr Stephen Thomas  
***Acting Headteacher***

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