



GWAUNFARREN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families after the Christmas break! We hope you had a restful and joyful holiday and that the children are ready for an exciting term ahead. Our staff have been busy preparing engaging lessons and activities to ensure every child has a positive start to the new year. It is always a pleasure to see the school filled with enthusiasm and energy once again.

Important Reminder: Punctuality Matters

We want to remind all parents and carers that the school day begins promptly at 9:00 am. All children must be in their classrooms by this time, ready to begin learning. Children arriving after 9:00 am will be marked as late in the register. Persistent lateness not only disrupts your child's learning but also impacts the rest of the class.

Please note that in accordance with local authority guidelines, families with persistent late arrivals may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). We understand that mornings can be challenging, but establishing a consistent routine ensures your child has the best possible start to their day. If you experience any exceptional circumstances that may affect your child's punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to discuss this with us. We are here to support you and work together for the benefit of your children.

Uniform Policy Reminder

We kindly remind parents and carers of the importance of adhering to our school uniform policy. All children should wear the correct uniform every day, including appropriate footwear. Additionally, we would like to remind families that the following are not permitted as part of our uniform policy:

- False nails
- Makeup

These rules help maintain a focus on learning and promote equality among our pupils. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring all children come to school appropriately dressed.

Jewellery and Accessories Policy

In addition to the health and safety points raised above, we request that:

- Long hair is tied back for school, particularly during PE lessons.
- Children are permitted to wear one pair of studded earrings.
- Children can wear one watch (digital or analogue).
- Children can wear one ring.

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The following jewellery is not permitted to be worn at school:

- Looped earrings
- Bracelets or bangles
- Necklaces
- Smart watches

These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils. We appreciate your support in adhering to these rules.

Considerate Parking Around the School Site

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately around the school site. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines, or stopping in unsafe locations. The safety of our children is paramount, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring drop-offs and pick-ups are smooth and secure for everyone.

Afterschool Clubs

We are delighted to inform you that afterschool clubs will commence the week beginning 20th January. We look forward to seeing our pupils enjoying these enriching opportunities!

Our New Topic: Yma o Hyd

This term, we are thrilled to introduce our new topic, *Yma o Hyd*. This theme focuses on the concept of belonging and explores what makes Wales great. From our rich history and culture to our beautiful landscapes and traditions, we aim to inspire a sense of pride and connection in our pupils. Activities and projects will be integrated across the curriculum, and we encourage families to join us in celebrating all things Welsh throughout the term.

Looking Ahead

We have lots of exciting events planned for the term, including our annual Eisteddfod celebration and various sporting and academic opportunities. More information about these will follow in future newsletters.

Welcome Miss Hope We are delighted to welcome Miss Hope to YGwaunfarren as our new Year Two teacher. Miss Hope brings enthusiasm to our school community, and we are confident she will make a wonderful addition to the team. Please join us in giving her a warm Gwaunfarren welcome!

Once again, welcome back, and thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make this term a successful and memorable one for all our children.

Kind regards,



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