

# Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 16th July 2020

The Queen used the phrase 'Annus Horribilis' in 1992 to describe a horrible year. This year in education has certainly been 'Annus Horribilis' and I am extremely hopeful that the academic year 2020 – 2021 will be 'Annus Mirabilis' – a wonderful year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and kind messages we have received over the past few months.

We have been working through the Welsh Government 'Operational Guidance' for schools and setting from the autumn term. The guidance is constantly being updated but I am now in a position to give you some information regarding a return to school in September. More detailed information will be sent out tomorrow following a meeting with the Local Authority this afternoon.

At this stage I am able to confirm that Tuesday I<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September have been allocated as planning and preparation days where no children are to attend school. This is to allow for changes in guidance or procedures which may take place over the summer holidays. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September only current Nursery (Reception from September 2020) and current Year 2 (Year 3 from September 2020) pupils should return.

All pupils will return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and this week will very much be used to reintegrate pupils into the educational setting. The times of the school day will be communicated tomorrow following my meeting this afternoon.

When pupils return to school it is likely that the beginning and end of the school day will need to be staggered. School uniform will need to be worn and this can be purchased from Darren Morgan Sports in Risca and Regis in Newbridge. All physical education lessons will take place outdoors until October Half-Term.

#### <u>Year 6</u>

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of our amazing Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for the future. This year we were unable to give them the magnificent send-off they deserve but I would like to say just how proud I am of each and every pupil. The resilience they have shown throughout the lockdown and on returning to school has been wonderful to see. They have had so much taken away from them but at no time have they complained. Instead, they took everything in their stride and continued as normal. I very much hope that we are able to arrange a leavers' assembly for them at some point in the future so we can say goodbye properly. In the meantime, Good Luck Year 6 – continue to make me proud in your future ventures.

Respect

Share

Determined

Passionate

#### Class Organisation For Academic Year: 2020/2021

New Class	Existing Class
<ul> <li>Nursery Morning – Mrs S. Hayward</li> </ul>	Separate letters have been sent out with
<ul> <li>Nursery Afternoon – Mrs S.Hayward</li> </ul>	information regarding the Nursery classes.
<ul> <li>Reception - Mrs E. Griffin/ Mrs S. Robins</li> </ul>	Separate letters have been sent out with
<ul> <li>Reception - Mrs S. Cook / Mrs S. Robins</li> </ul>	information regarding these classes.
<ul> <li>Reception / Year One — Mrs C. Lacey-Coles</li> </ul>	Separate letters have been sent out with information regarding these classes.
<ul> <li>Year One – Mrs. R. Woolley</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mrs Griffin / Mrs Lacey-Coles</li> </ul>
Year One – Mrs. S. Tudor	<ul> <li>Mrs Hayward / Mrs Lacey-Coles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Two – Mrs R. Fenton</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mrs. S. Tudor</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Two – Mrs. L. Arnold</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mrs. R. Woolley</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Two — Mr. N. Bungeroo</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Miss. K. Beecham</li> </ul>
Year Three – Mrs L. Whiting	<ul> <li>Mrs. E. Arnold</li> </ul>
Year Three – Miss. L. Davies	<ul> <li>Miss. R. Fenton</li> </ul>
Year Three – Miss F. Jones	<ul> <li>Miss. E. Leewarden</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Four – Mr A. Mills</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Miss. L. Davies</li> </ul>
Year Four — Mr. R. Gilmour	<ul> <li>Miss. F. Jones</li> </ul>
Year Four – Mr. N. Jones	<ul> <li>Mrs. L. Whiting</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Five — Miss. S. Boyland</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mr. A. Mills</li> </ul>
Year Five – Mr. A. Yates	<ul> <li>Mr. R. Gilmour</li> </ul>
Year Five — Mr D. Davies	<ul> <li>Mr. N. Jones</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Six — Mr. S. White</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mr. A. Yates</li> </ul>
Year Six – Mr M. Harrold	<ul> <li>Miss. S. Boyland</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Year Six — Mrs. C. Long</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mr. D. Davies</li> </ul>

### PPA

Each week, teaching staff are given a period of non-contact time for Planning, Preparation and Assessment. We are extremely fortunate that our PPA team will continue to be Mrs. T. Jones and Mrs. K. Wright. Both are very experienced teachers and will provide a wide variety of interesting and stimulating lessons for the pupils. A third member of the PPA team will be appointed in September.

## Staffing

Miss Leewarden and Miss Beecham will both be on Maternity leave in September. I am delighted that we have been able to appoint Mr. N. Bungeroo to cover the period of absence in Year 2. He is an experienced teacher who has been teaching at Trinant Primary School and worked at Rhiw Syr Dafydd throughout the lockdown period in the Islwyn Hub.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer holiday. Whatever you are doing or wherever you go, please continue to stay safe and follow the government guidance.

Take Care Everyone

Mr & George

