

Information for Parents

2019/2020



July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another academic year we wanted to take the opportunity to thank pupils, parents and carers for their continued support in carrying out the work of the school. It has been an incredibly successful year for the school and we end the school year with yet another record high attendance percentage! Well done and thank you to all for this wonderful effort.

It is also an opportune time to remind pupils and their parents/carers of the school uniform code and some of the details of your child's return to school in September. As of September 2019 there will be a change to the timings of the school day and the new school uniform policy will come into affect for the whole school, i.e. shirt and tie for all pupils.

A small number of pupils, given it is the end of the school year, are attempting to attend school in unsuitable clothing or footwear. We recognise the demands your children can make of you and I am sure you would have been told that 'someone else is wearing them, so why can't I!', so we are taking this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the school uniform code and give you the time and opportunity to buy appropriate school uniform in time for September 2019. **The school uniform is located on page 5 and applies to all year groups and all pupils and is available from J&S Products, 74 Tycoch Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9EQ.**

As always, we will be contacting parents of any pupils arriving without full uniform, at the start of the school day, giving them the opportunity of bringing school uniform for their child to change, or sending their child home to change into school uniform. **Parents are also reminded for health & safety reasons pupils are not allowed in school with any facial piercings.**

I also include an update and/or attach documentation for your information about:

- Changes to the school day following a recent whole school consultation,
- Arrangements for the end of current and start of the next school year,
- Purchase of school uniform and guidelines/rules,
- Consent form for use of school photographs (to be signed and returned),

- Consent form for the Hwb platform (to be signed and returned), and
- Parental/carer contact information (to be signed and returned).

It is important that you are fully aware of the arrangements for your child's return to school and that the school has you most up to date contact information should we need to contact you for any reason.

May we both take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a good summer holiday. **Details of arrangements for the end of this term and the beginning of the new term are overleaf.**

Yours sincerely

P Davies
Headteacher (Acting)

R Phillips
Executive Headteacher

School day

I can confirm after a thorough consultation involving the Governing Body, staff, pupils and Parents/Carers this change will come into effect in September, i.e. the start of the new academic year. The school day timetable will therefore run as follows:

Time	Event
8:40am – 9:00am	Am Registration
9:00am – 10:00am	Lesson 1
10:00am – 11:00am	Lesson 2
11:00am – 11:20am	Break
11:20am – 12:20pm	Lesson 3
12:20pm – 1:20pm	Lesson 4
1:20pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Lesson 5/PM Registration

End of term

The last full day of school for pupils will be Friday 19th July 2019, we would wish to advise parents that this day is a normal school day.

Start of term

Pupils are to return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2019**. **Year 7 pupils should arrive at 8.40 am and Year 8-11 pupils should arrive at 10.00 am**. All pupils should enter through the pupil entrance where form lists will be on display and go direct to their allocated form room.

GCSE Results

Year 11 pupils may collect their GCSE results on Thursday 22nd August in the main school reception from 9.30 a.m.

School Uniform update:

School Uniform is now available from J & S Products, 74 Tycoch Road, Sketty , Swansea SA2 9EQ (01792 206658) www.js-products.co.uk. The uniform was updated last year and is as follows:

- Dylan Thomas Community School sweatshirt (navy blue) v neck
- White shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Dylan Thomas Community school tie
- Dylan Thomas Community School prefect jumper (optional for prefects only)
- Black trousers or black skirt
- Black shoes (no colour or markings)
- No jewellery except for one pair of stud earrings, ***PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A EYEBROW, NOSE OR TONGUE PIERCING OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND EXPECT TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH SUCH AN ITEM ON THEIR PERSON.***
- Dylan Thomas Community school PE kit. This will include the new PE top, navy shorts or joggers.

It is important that all pupils comply with the requirements of school uniform. Please note that no white trainers are permitted at any time. Similarly sweatshirts of a different colour to the school sweatshirts, striped tops and non-school hoodies are not to be worn to school. In cold weather pupils should wear a coat over their school sweatshirt and/or polo shirt.

Jewellery

Pupils are only allowed one pair of stud earrings; any other jewellery will be confiscated and will have to be collected by a parent. ***PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A EYEBROW, NOSE OR TONGUE PIERCING OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND EXPECT TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WITH SUCH AN ITEM ON THEIR PERSON.***

Mobile Phones, i-pods & SMART devices

Pupils may bring mobile phones to school but they must remain turned off during the day. They may be used during breaktime and lunchtime outside the school building or in the hall during inclement weather. Pupils who use their phones in the school building will have them confiscated until the end of the day when they may collect them from reception. **The use of mobile phones is a privilege and is not to be abused.**

All electronic devices and other expensive items are discouraged from being brought into school. The school cannot be responsible for loss or damage of any of these items.

Equipment

Please ensure your child comes equipped to learn with an appropriate selection of basic stationery and a suitable bag to store equipment, pupil planner etc. The minimum expected equipment that each child should have is as follows:

- School bag
- Pencil case
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- School planner

Parent/Carer Contact Details *(please return this page to school)*

If you are a parent/carer of a pupil commencing Year 7 in September please could you fill in your details below so that we can update our records. **If you are the parent/carer of an existing pupil and your details have changed please could you add your new details.**

Name of parent/carer:	
Name of pupil:	
Address:	
Telephone (home):	
Telephone (mobile):	
Telephone (other):	
Email:	

Signed (parent/carer):

Date:

CONSENT TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR CHILD (please return this page to school)

Now that the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are in place we must make sure that we have your consent to use any photographs that we may take of your child. If you choose to give your consent it will stay in place for the whole time that your child is at this school.

You can, however, change your mind at any time and withdraw your consent. If you wish to do this simply contact the school reception.

What photos might the school want to use of your child?

We regularly promote our pupils' achievements on our social media sites. These photographs may be of school trips, sporting events or activities in school such as a school concert or a cookery lesson. We publish these photographs so that parents can see the activities that their child is involved in and what the school has to offer.

We also use these photographs in the school prospectus to give parents and children in primary schools up to date information when they are making a choice of secondary school.

Sometimes we send these photographs to the Evening Post, or other local publications so that the wider community can see our pupils' achievements.

Your child's name _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Your name _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

Your signature _____

Date _____

Please tick the boxes to tell us what you agree to us using photographs for:

Facebook
Newsletters
Prospectus

Twitter
Evening Post
Advertising & Posters

RE: GDPR/Hwb Platform *(please return this page to school)*

Dear Parent / Guardian

The Hwb platform provides all maintained schools in Wales with access to a wide range of centrally-funded, bilingual digital tools and resources to support the digital transformation of classroom practices. The Hwb platform is managed and operated by the Welsh Government.

All pupils in maintained schools in Wales must be provided with a secure log-in to the Hwb platform. This is because mandatory reading and numeracy tests, currently on paper, will be moving online and must be completed by each pupil via the platform. In order to provide [you/your child] with a secure log-in, the school will be sending basic information to the Welsh Government. The log-in will allow your child to take the mandatory online assessments, known as 'personalised assessments'.

For more information about the Hwb platform and how information about [you / your child] is used, please see <https://hwb.gov.wales/privacy>. For more information about the online personalised assessments, please see <http://learning.gov.wales/resources/collections/national-reading-and-numeracy-tests?lang=en#collection-2>

Additional services

If you agree, Welsh Government can also provide your child with access, via the Hwb platform, to a variety of additional services which are provided by other organisations. These include online learning environments such as Hwb Classes, Microsoft Office 365, Google for Education, and other relevant educational tools and resources. Welsh Government is making these additional services available to help your child access educational resources. These additional services are centrally funded and there is no cost for you or for your school to access and use them.

Welsh Government will only provide access to these additional services if you sign the form below to indicate your agreement.

Your agreement

If you agree:

- we will tell Welsh Government to provide access to the additional services
- Welsh Government will share information about your child with its service providers, including Microsoft and Google Education, in order to enable access to the additional services

If you do not agree, we will still share information about your child with Welsh Government to set up a secure log-in for the Hwb platform, but your child will not be able to access the additional services.

If you wish to withdraw your consent, please contact the head teacher within your child's school.

IMPORTANT : Please return this slip as soon as possible to the school

Please sign and date this form if you agree to the above.

Name of Child

Class

Signed

Name

Date