



Ysgol Gynradd Llanidloes Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to this sunny new term! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer. The children have come back with smiles on their faces and a spring in their step and we are delighted to see them. We extend a special welcome at this time of year to our new starters in Reception and to children who have joined us in other year groups. We hope that you will all be very happy in Ysgol Gynradd Llanidloes.

School start and finish times

Just a reminder that pupils are not supervised on the school site before 8.45 am. Please ensure that your child is not left unaccompanied on the school site before this time. If your child does need to be dropped off before 8.45 am, please make sure they are booked into Breakfast Club.

School starts	8.55 am
School finishes	3.20 pm (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
	3.30 pm (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Meet the Teacher Day

All parents are very welcome to come and meet their child's teacher on Wednesday 20 September. There will be a presentation and an opportunity to speak to teachers at these times: 3.45 pm, 4.30 pm and 5.15 pm. There are three time slots so that if you have children in more than one class, you will have the opportunity to meet *all* your children's teachers. Just turn up at your child's class at the time slot that suits you.

Warm weather

In this sunny weather, please send a sunhat into school with your child and apply suncream in the morning – thank you.

Pupil Wellbeing

We know that drop-off times are sometimes just too busy for you to pass on vital information to the class teacher about something that might affect your child's emotional wellbeing. Also, if your child comes to school on the bus or attends Breakfast Club, you need a quick way to inform staff about an issue that they need to know about. For example, if there is an incident at the weekend or if a family situation changes in some way, you may like us to be aware so that we can support your child.



We hope that filling in this quick form might help with wellbeing communication. It might be an idea to keep this link for future reference:

<https://forms.office.com/e/uJK9341LFK>

PE days

On PE days, children will need to wear trainers to school but no longer need to come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please make sure that all PE kit items have your child's name on - your child can leave it on their peg in a suitable bag. We will send PE kits home for washing when required. We will let you know when the PE and swimming days are.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will return this academic year and will take place on Friday afternoons at 1.10 pm. Parents will be invited to attend and find out what their child has been learning about! We will soon be sending out the dates in advance so that parents can plan ahead.

Safeguarding – gate security

The new security system at the front of school will be in operation from Monday 11 September. When visiting the school during the school day, please press the intercom button at the pedestrian gate and we will release it for you to enter and exit.

Nut-Free School / Healthy School

Just a reminder that due to peanut and nut allergies amongst our pupils, we are a nut-free school. Please ensure that lunch boxes do not contain items such as 'Nutella' bars, nut or chocolate spread sandwiches or muesli bars that contain any type of nut or peanut.

Thank you for making your child's lunchbox as healthy as possible.

Just a reminder also that to meet the requirements of being a 'Healthy School', your child's morning snack should be fruit or vegetables and their class-based drink should be water.

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to say that we have managed to keep Breakfast Club at just £1 per session. Please book and pay through ParentPay. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, there is no charge for breakfast club. However, pupils who receive a free lunch through Welsh Government Universal Provision will still need to pay for breakfast club.

Free School Meals

There is a difference between eFSM (eligible for Free School Meals) and UPFSM (Universal Provision for Free School Meals).

- UPFSM is the government initiative to provide free lunches for all pupils – currently Reception to year 3.
- eFSM supports families on a low income with free lunches, food in the school holidays, school uniform costs as well as other benefits. School also receives a grant for all pupils who are eligible so if you register, you can help support children with opportunities in school too.

Apply for eFSM here: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11906/Free-school-meals>

Walk to School Day – Monday 18 September

Please see this announcement from ‘Keep Wales Tidy’:

From 17 September 2023, most 30mph limits across Wales will change to 20mph. At 20mph, it's safer where we live, work and play. To celebrate this, we want to encourage learners, parents/carers and staff to walk, or wheel (cycle, scoot, wheelchair) to school on Monday 18 September

Facebook

You can follow Ysgol Gynradd Llanidloes on Facebook where you will find lots of reminders and other information.

You can also join the Friends of Llanidloes C P School Facebook page – we would be most grateful for any support with Friends of the School events. The dedicated team of parents work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for school resources that benefit all children.

Car Park

Thank you for working with us to reduce the congestion in the car park.

When dropping off your child (rather than parking up), please do so at the black and white bollards then remove your vehicle as quickly as possible. Cars that stop to drop pupils (and high school students) off **in** the entrance off the main road are causing congestion as well as a safety risk.

I kindly ask that cars that are *only* dropping off high school students do so at the high school site. Any extra vehicles on the primary car park site cause further congestion.

Jungle Club (After School Club)

The after school club is run by a hard-working committee and sessions are led by Nicky Wilson and Stef Danks. We are very grateful to Lisa Stephens, Gill Abel, Kelly Southern and Sue Lowe for all their hard work over the years as they stand down from the committee at this time. We welcome Kelly Hawkins, Alayna Clewes, Karleene Evans, Hazel Cadman and Yvonne Russell-Jones to the committee and thank them for their support. You can find out about Jungle Club on the school website or through their Facebook page, *The Jungle Club*.

Trees

Your child may have been involved in planting trees in Tylwch some time ago with Alex Higgs. Alex says that the trees are growing well and that parents are welcome to take their children to have a look.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14 September	Friends of the School Cinema Night
Sunday 17 September	Friends of the School Colour Run CANCELLED
Monday 18 September	Walk to School Day
Wednesday 20 September	Meet the Teacher event
Thursday 21 September	Flu immunisation
Monday 25 September	Non pupil day
Tuesday 26 September	Non pupil day
Thursday 28 September	Year 6 Team building day at the high school
Wednesday 4 October	Y6 cycling proficiency
Friday 6 October	Y6 cycling proficiency
Wednesday 11 October	Y6 cycling proficiency

Thursday 12 October	Bags to School collection
Friday 13 October	Y6 cycling proficiency
Wednesday 18 October	Y6 cycling proficiency
Thursday 19 October	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 24 October	Colorfoto individual photographs
Thursday 26 October	<i>Annie Jr</i> performance at high school
Friday 27 October	<i>Annie Jr</i> performance at high school
Friday 27 October	Break up for half term

Monday 6 November	Pupils return to school
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Yours sincerely
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