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## YSGOL GATHOLIG CRIST Y GAIR CHRIST THE WORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Welcome back

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a restful summer break. We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September ready for the new school year and hope there will be fewer disruptions.

We are delighted to welcome back Rhian Shaw who returns from her Maternity leave. Rhian will continue as an Assistant Headteacher at Christ the Word Catholic School and she will work closely with the Heads of Learning in lower school.

Here are a few reminders:

### Start and End of Day Arrangements

We will return to the normal school timings. School will start at **8.55** and finish at **3.15 for all children in the Lower School**. The school car park will be locked each day from 3.00 until 3.40. The St Margaret's Drive entrance will be open from 8.45 am until 8.55 am and from 3.10 pm onwards. Please do not ride scooters or bikes along this path, or on the playgrounds. Please note, no dogs are allowed on the school grounds at any time. Please see below for drop off and pick up arrangements:

Year Group	Morning	End of the day
Foundation Phase	Go to classroom door.	Collect from classroom door.
Year 3	Children line up on the KS2 Yard ready to enter school. Staff will be on duty from 8.45. There will be an area coned off by the sports hall for the children to line up.	Children will exit via the door between Nursery and Reception.
Year 4	Children line up on the KS2 Yard ready to enter school. Staff will be on duty from 8.45.	Children will exit via the door at the end of the building onto the Foundation Phase yard. This is the same door they used last year.

	There will be an area coned off by the sports hall for the children to line up.	
Year 5 and 6	Children go onto the Astro. Staff will be on duty from 8.45.	Children will exit through the door onto the KS2 yard. If children are walking home alone, please send a note to inform your child's class teacher.

## School Uniform

We expect all students to wear our smart school uniform. We appreciate the co-operation of parents and carers in maintaining the high standards of appearance. Please ensure all items of your child's uniform are **clearly labelled**. Please note that children should wear polishable black shoes, not trainers.

## PE

On PE days, children will continue to come to school dressed in their school PE kit. Please see the attached information regarding the school PE kit. PE days are as follows, and children will be reminded when their PE day is:

Year Group	PE Day
Foundation Phase	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Week 1: Monday Week 2: Friday Children will be reminded when to wear their PE Kit.
Year 6	Week 1: Tuesday Week 2: Wednesday Children will be reminded when to wear their PE Kit.

## Home learning

Children in the Foundation Phase will be set maths and language activities alternate weeks on Clasdojos.

KS2 children will have weekly English, Maths and Spelling home learning which they will complete online in their Google Classroom.

Both Foundation Phase and KS2 can also access their ActiveLearn account where they can practice their maths skills on Maths Factor and reading on Bug Club. We will teach the children how to

access their activities in school and log in information will be sent home over the coming weeks. If you have any difficulties accessing the home learning online, please inform your child's class teacher.

### Reading Books

Reading books will be sent home every Friday. **Books must be returned by Tuesday** so they can be changed ready to be sent out again. This year we are focusing on Reading for Pleasure and we would appreciate your support in this area.

### Snack

Please only send fruit or vegetables as snack for break times. Your child must bring their own water bottle full and with their name on the bottle. We will have the facilities to fill up water bottles.

### Training Day Reminder

There will be a Staff Training Day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. School will be closed for all children.

If you feel your child would benefit from support with particular issues, or if there are things you want to make us aware of, please let us know by phoning school or emailing your child's Head of Learning.

All parents are asked to continue to wear face masks when on school site, this is line with DCC policy. We need to continue to work together to ensure our school community is as safe as possible and the children get the opportunity to continue to come to school to learn with minimal disruption.

Many thanks



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