

Aims of this leaflet

In this leaflet we would like to share with you school policies and practices with regard to ensuring that children are taught to live healthy lifestyles and adopt safe practices.

Statement of Intent

At Ysgol Caer Drewyn we are committed to providing a friendly, caring and safe environment for all our pupils so that they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all activities in an enjoyable and safe setting and be protected from harm.

We recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

School policies are in place to ensure that there is a consistent approach to practices throughout the school and that they are adhered to by staff, governors and volunteers.

Adults have a tremendous impact on young children and, with this in mind, adults at Ysgol Caer Drewyn:

- ❖ Promote a happy, caring and safe school
- ❖ Are good role models for children
- ❖ Enjoy their work and working with children
- ❖ Are conscientious and hard working
- ❖ Recognise and value strengths in each other and use these to support everyone

- ❖ Work within the agreed policies of the school
- ❖ Encourage children to think for themselves, ask questions and find answers
- ❖ Challenge and support children in their learning

What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- ❖ Anybody who works or volunteers at Ysgol Caer Drewyn will be checked by the police (DBS) to make sure they are safe to work with children and then trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- ❖ The school has a designated senior person for safeguarding, Mrs J Davies and a deputy designated person, Mrs E Vaughan Evans who have had extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to them.
- ❖ We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but sometimes we may not be able to discuss our concerns. The school has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to the police or children's services. This policy is available on our school website.
- ❖ We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships & drug and alcohol awareness. As part of

these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always

- ❖ Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- ❖ Talk to school if you need help or support.
- ❖ Read the school policies about safety issues.
- ❖ Let the school know if your child has a medical condition.
- ❖ Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child.
- ❖ Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstance such as house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility.
- ❖ Who will be dropping off or collecting your child and provide 2 other emergency contacts. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- ❖ Let the school know if your child is going to be absent, ring school as soon as possible and tell us the reasons why.



Safeguarding Issues

Attendance – your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer. The school has an attendance policy you may read.

Behaviour – Ysgol Caer Drewyn has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by any adult, who will listen to the children involved and help to resolve the situation.

Bullying – The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy you may read.

Health and Safety – Everyone at Ysgol Caer Drewyn has a responsibility to keep adults and children safe in the school environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school have fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school.

E-Safety – The school recognises that technology plays an important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school has e-safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home.

Security – We ensure your child is taught in a safe and secure environment by:

- ❖ Having one entrance way to the school building for visitors and ensuring all visitors sign in and out and wear a visitors lanyard
- ❖ Having termly fire drills taking place
- ❖ Having an annual lockdown drill
- ❖ Regular Health and Safety checks being undertaken by our staff and governors
- ❖ Risk assessments being carried out by teachers prior to any off site visits
- ❖ Having secure playgrounds which are fenced and gates locked
- ❖ Having at least two adults on each playground at breaks

Complaints – If you have any complaints about how the school is working with your or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The head teacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved, you can raise your concerns with the governing body.

We all know that children thrive better and are able to reach their full potential when school and families work closely together. All of us here at Ysgol Caer Drewyn are totally committed to this and we look forward to our continuing close partnership with you in the future.

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Safeguarding Information for Parents

