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'Children come first'  
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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We all look forward to working closely with you during the coming year and receiving your support. Hopefully this school year won't be as disruptive.

I will continue to be at Ysgol Caer Drewyn, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday all day. You can also contact me at Ysgol Carrog on a Tuesday and Thursday on 01490 430262.

We welcome Miss Zoe Lewis, our new junior teacher and Miss Debbie our new TA, both will be teaching in Dosbarth Derwen.

The Welsh Government have stated that schools will no longer have staggered times in September, therefore the whole school will return to our original times. **The school day will start at 8.55am for all classes** – pupils as now, will be met at the school gate by a member of staff and directed straight into class. There is no need for parents to come onto the yard, any messages can be given to the member of the staff on the gate, as they will be there from 8.50am. We will still operate the one-way system and we would still appreciate the wearing of masks in line with Welsh Government guidance.

At the end of the day the green gate will be unlocked at 3.10pm, this is the end of the day time for all classes and as now parents will socially distance by the gate and sibling groups will be brought down to you and you will leave following the one-way system. Only one adult per household to collect please.

The Welsh government have indicated in the guidance for schools from September there will no longer be a requirement for contact groups and pupils can mix at break, lunchtime and when arriving and leaving schools but all adults need to continue to social distance. Although they have also stated it may become necessary to reintroduce contact groups for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups if cases increase in our locality, this would be decided by public health and the LA. Please be aware the guidance for schools in relation to covid is constantly being updated by WG, if we need to make changes to our safety measure again, we will let you know as soon as possible.



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**If your child is unwell DO NOT send them to school.** If your child becomes ill during the day, they will be moved to another area and you will be contacted to collect them. If anyone in your household has Covid symptoms i.e., new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of or change to sense of smell or taste, your child and their siblings must **NOT** attend school and they will need to isolate until you have had the results of the Covid test. You can apply for a test by calling the free number **119** between the hours of 7am to 11pm. The test is only effective for those who are experiencing coronavirus symptoms and needs to be taken in the first 5 days of having symptoms.

Currently if there is a positive case in any of the classes, the rest of the pupils and staff will no longer have to isolate which will hopefully mean less disruption this year.

Any absences must be reported to the school office. A leave of absence form must be completed at least 2 weeks prior to any absence.

As part of our healthy school's initiative, we would appreciate no crisps, chocolate or sweets being brought to school from home, only fruit or vegetables are to be eaten at the morning snack. Please continue to provide all fruit snacks from home and can all fruit/veg please be cut up, ready to eat and in a disposable bag or box?

**The cost of school dinners has now increased to £2.40 per day - £12.00 per week, payable through your Parent Pay account only.** If you require free school meals, please contact the office. Please don't hesitate to contact our cook if your child has any dietary needs. In line with County's policy school meals must be paid in advance.

Milk is free for all foundation phase pupils (Nursery to Year 2). Fresh drinking water is available throughout the day. Water bottles are available at a cost of £1.50. **Please ensure your child brings a filled bottle with water (not juice) each day to school, we cannot provide cups for them to use.**

We will continue to allow pupils to come dressed in their PE joggers, white t-shirt and trainers with their school jumper on top on the days they have their PE lessons. PE lessons where possible will be held outside.

PE lessons will be on the following days:

Celyn (Nursery, Reception & Year 1) - Friday

Helyg (Year 2) – Tuesday

Collen (Years 3 & 4) – Wednesday

Derwen (Years 5 & 6) – Thursday



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We have not made any decisions yet regarding restarting swimming lessons as we need to speak to the leisure centre manager about their safety measures. We will let you know once a decision has been made.

The school uniform consists of white or pale blue polo shirt, navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo and grey, charcoal or black trousers or navy / grey skirt; white, black or navy socks, suitable flat black shoes. No make-up or nail varnish to be worn. Only stud earrings to be worn. No patterns to be shaved into children's hair. Please ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing. All uniform can now be purchased online from School Trends and delivered to you home – [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk). We also have some 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform clothing available in school.

We have not yet received confirmation of the start date for music lessons; but they will restart this term and Denbighshire Music Cooperative will continue with all relevant safety measures in place including screens. There is a charge of £50.00 per term per instrument, (£45.00 if you are in receipt of free school meals or if you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> child receiving music lessons), the charge will be payable through your Parent Pay account once lessons begin.

**Breakfast club will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 8.15-8.55am.** To ensure a place at the breakfast club please remember to complete the online booking form which will be on our Facebook page from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – you need to book by midday on the Friday. **If you have not booked in using the online form your child will not be able to attend the breakfast club.**

The weekly newsletter will be available on the school website – [www.ysgolcaerdrewyn.co.uk](http://www.ysgolcaerdrewyn.co.uk) and our Facebook page every Friday. If you are not able to access our website or Facebook page, please contact the school office for a paper copy. All letters sent home will also continue to be placed on our website.

Don't forget to check our school website – [www.ysgolcaerdrewyn.co.uk](http://www.ysgolcaerdrewyn.co.uk), our school Facebook page and Twitter page @caerdrewyn for additional information and photographs of school events and activities.

The term dates for this academic year are:

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021-2022

Autumn term start	02/09/2021
Half term close	22/10/2021
Half term open	02/11/2021
End of term	21/12/2021



Spring term start	10/01/2022
Half term close	18/02/2022
Half term open	28/02/2022
End of term	08/04/2022

Summer term start	26/04/2022
May Day holiday	02/05/2022
Half term close	27/05/2022
Half term open	07/06/2022
End of term	20/07/2022

I look forward to a productive, safe and successful year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Jayne Davies  
Headteacher

