



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to you all. We also welcome new parents, carers and their children to our school. I hope the children (and you) have had a wonderful summer break and are ready to come back refreshed and ready to learn.

I am sure you will agree that the front of the school looks amazing with the new fencing that has been added over the summer break. We are continuing to improve the outside areas for play and pleasure. I would ask you and your children to continue to avoid walking on the grass to ensure that it continues to look beautiful.

## Latest COVID-19 Guidance

As you know Wales is now at Alert level 0 in terms of COVID-19.

Our new reception children have a timetable for the first couple of weeks this term. That will remain in place. The rest of the school will revert to our regular school day timetable.

To remind you, COVID-19 guidance for schools now says that we should not have staggered arrival and departure times for different 'bubbles' of children. Therefore we will return to our 'normal' school day. Gates will be open at 8.50. Children will go straight into school on arrival.

<b>Gates Open:</b>	8:50
<b>School Starts:</b>	9:00
<b>Morning Break:</b>	10:40 to 10.55
<b>Lunch:</b>	12:00 to 1:00
<b>School closes:</b>	3:20

There will be a member of staff on each yard to welcome the children or if you need to pass any message to the teacher, or send in a quick note with your child. We thank parents and carers for wearing a face covering whenever on the school site, including in outside areas. We would ask you to continue this policy for the time being. Parents should still maintain a 2m distance from each other. We would also ask you that you arrive and leave the school promptly. We need to bring out each class in turn at the end of the day. Please be patient with us whilst we get used to the new regime.

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We would ask parents to avoid coming into the building if possible. Consider speaking to the person on the yard, or telephoning or sending an email. If you do need to come into the building, you will need to wear a face covering.

Guidance for COVID suggests that contact groups and bubbles for children are no longer necessary. Our Foundation Phase children will be able to choose where they play on the yard. However, KS2 staff report that many children prefer to have an allocated 'space' for their class on the yard instead of a 'free-for-all'. This, along with the new resources and yard improvements, has helped to improve behaviour and reduce squabbles. KS2 classes will, therefore, have a rota of the separate areas on the yard. We will still maintain our handwashing regimes.

All teachers have a legal entitlement to 10% of the week away from the children for Planning, Preparation and Assessment tasks (PPA). This time is vital to ensure that teachers are tailor-making learning for your child and ensuring that your child is making the progress that we expect. We have two members of staff who make the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT), along with the Headteacher. These are Mrs Balkwill, the Deputy Headteacher and Year 2 teacher, and Miss Davis, our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) and Year 4 teacher. These members of staff have additional time away from the classroom to enable them to complete important tasks according to their roles. This is good practice in all good schools and ensures that the school continues to improve and move forward. Please be reassured that our timetables have been developed to make the best use of this time. We have continued to employ Superstars who provide staff for PPA cover. We have welcome Carys Cleaton who will be taking PE sessions and Toni Vaughan who will be undertaking Art lessons. We continue to have Mrs James who teacher Religious Education throughout the school. We are incredibly lucky to have these experts in their fields to support our children in their learning.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club and After School Club facilities can be booked through ParentPay. Breakfast Club costs £1 a session and starts at 8am. Children should arrive at the hall doors.

As numbers have grown, After School Club this year will have more focused activities including Lego, sport, Art and cookery. We will discuss these with the children before setting a timetable. We will offer a drink and a snack similar to Breakfast Club. After School Club is charged at £6.00 a session and finishes at 5.15pm.

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### PE Kit

Your teachers will let you know when your child has PE and Games sessions. Your child should come into school dressed for PE on those days.

### Medicines

If your child requires medication to be taken in school time, you must complete a form. Even if this medication continues from last year, parents and carers must complete a new form for the new academic year.

### Car Park

Please be mindful of young children and other cars when using the car park. We had several minor incidents last year. Please **do not** double park your car. I urge everyone to find a space to park on site or on the road. I understand that this may take a few minutes more. However, this inconvenience could prevent an accident. Please do not be offended if you do park dangerously, if you are asked to move. Also, please remember to switch off your engines. Thank you.

### Dates for Your Diary

Best Wishes and God Bless,

(Headteacher)

These are available on the school website or from the main school office.

6th September: First Day for Children

25th October—29th October: Half Term

17th December: End of Term

4th January: Teacher Training

5th January: Start of Spring Term for children

21st February-25th February: Half Term

28th February: Teacher Training

8th April: End of Term

25th April: Start of Summer Term

Monday 3rd May: May Day

30th May– 3rd June: Half Term

6<sup>th</sup> June: Teacher Training

27th June: Extra holiday for Jubilee

1<sup>st</sup> July: Teacher Training

20th July: End of Summer Term

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