



11th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking you all for your patience over the last week.

I know that there have been some frustrations for you with regards to the school telephone system, along with pupil drop off and pick up - I will address these concerns later in the letter. However, in spite of these opening issues we have made a positive start. The pupils have settled in well and taken everything in their stride, I have been delighted with their positive attitude and resilience.

With regards to the school phones, we were connected yesterday and the phones are now fully working across the school - The school number is 01443 682137. When you call the school you will still hear the phone message for Porth County. This will be changed over the next few days to reflect the new school name.

The drop off and pick up for the school has caused considerable traffic issues over the last week. Therefore, drop off and pick up has been thoroughly reviewed and we will be trialling a new drop off system starting tomorrow (Wednesday). We are hoping that this will ease some of the congestion and more importantly reduce the risks of a pupil being hurt on 'Chip Shop Hill' by the considerably increased traffic.

The new drop off arrangements for those pupils arriving at and leaving school by car are as follows:

Pupils in Years 5-11

Pupils are to be dropped off and picked up in the Y Goedwig car park which can be accessed via Cemetery Road. No cars are to access Chip Shop Hill to drop pupils off. All pupils need to have been dropped off by 8.30 am in the morning to allow for the Y Goedwig Parents (Nursery – Year 4) drop off which follows this.

For those pupils walking to school in Years 7-11 the Park Street gate will be open until 8.30am. If pupils arrive after this time they will need to use the gate on 'Chip Shop Hill' which is open until 8.40am. If they are late they will need to go to the reception entrance in the Y Goedwig Building. Pupils must not walk into school through the bus bays. This is for their own safety.

Pupils in Nursery - Year 4

Pupils will continue to be dropped off in the Y Goedwig car park. For drop-off in the morning we have a number of pupils arriving early for school, but after 8.30am when admittance to Breakfast Club closes. I need to make you aware that unless attending Breakfast Club, pupils will not be able to enter the building as outlined in the letter you received yesterday. For pick up at the end of the day, we would ask that parents do not arrive before 3.00pm. This is to allow for the older pupils to have cleared the site.

Headteacher – Yvonne Jones

Other Information

There has been some confusion as to where the reception for the school is. All parents and visitors to the site need to go to reception which is situated in Y Goedwig. There is no access to parents or visitors to the Nyth Brân building or any other part of the site.

I would also like to remind you that the blazer is a compulsory item of school uniform for years 5-11. Pupils are allowed to wear the old school blazer with the new uniform this year and next.

If you do not have a blazer for your child, you are able to purchase the old style blazer should you wish. Howells have agreed to sell these at a reduced price of £10 and these are also available directly from the Heads of school. The new school blazer can be purchased from Howells Sports.

We are in the process of trying to re-launch the Porth School App which will allow you to receive direct messages from the school. We will let you know as soon as this becomes available, in the mean time we will continue to use our Twitter Feed @PorthCSchool, the school website (www.porthcommunityschool.co.uk) and letters to pass any information on.

Again, many thanks for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Miss Yvonne Jones

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