



Parents Handbook

2021-22

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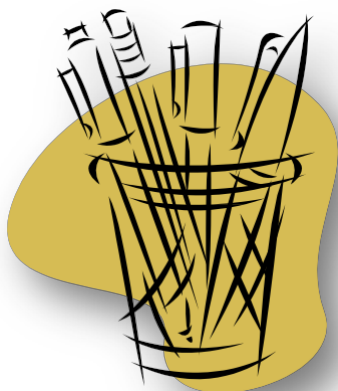
SUPPORT FOR PUPILS:

When your child joins Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur, care and support will be provided in a number of ways:

- A Form Tutor who will offer help in settling in to the new school and its routines and expectations.
- A Year-Group Co-ordinator (Head of Year) and Senior Staff who will always be available for discussions with parents.
- Linear registration group structure to promote close links between year groups and pupil mentoring.
- Homework and Revision clubs
- Subject-specific Clubs – e.g. Mathematics.
- Focused support in Literacy and/or Numeracy
- Two parents' evenings to discuss issues such as settling in, friendships and any specific support or attention, which is needed.
- SMART targets are set and progress towards those targets are discussed every half-term with the Form Tutor.
- An Induction Course held during the first days of the school year to Glanllyn
- Encouragement to join extra-curricular activities– e.g. the Year 7 Choir, rugby and netball tournaments, as well as whole school activities.
- Merit and Prize schemes in order to provide incentives, increase motivation and raise attainment.



Parents are strongly urged not to take pupils out of school for term- time holidays.



EQUIPMENT

Basic equipment for Year 7 pupils will comprise a geometry set (compass, two set squares, 300 mm ruler and protractor), pencil, ink pen or ball-point, coloured pencils.

Pupils are advised not to bring expensive items to school.

The use of Tippex (or similar solvent), felt pens, mobile phones, music players/digital devices are not allowed.

Pupil Planner

Parents are asked to check and sign planners on a weekly basis.

School Hours

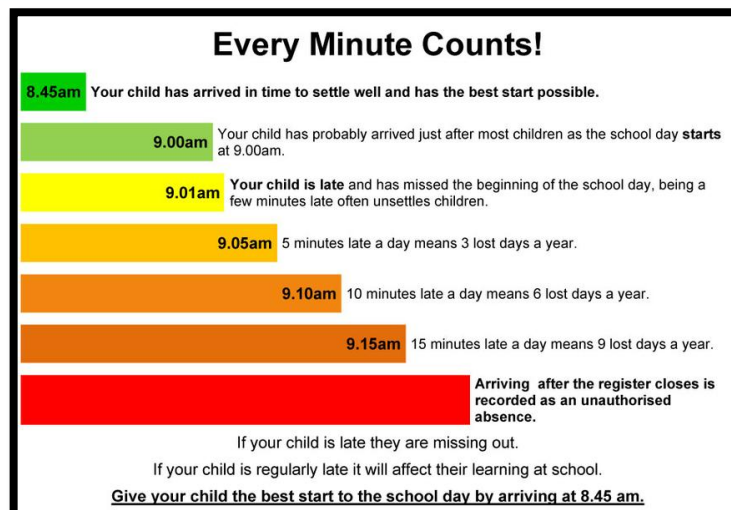
The school week is organised into 60 minute lessons with five lessons a day. The day also incorporates registration and assembly time, break time and a lunch hour.

Time	Mon - Thursday	Time	Friday
08:45 - 09:05	Registration	08:45 - 09:05	Registration
09:05 - 10:05	Lesson 1	09:05 - 10:05	Lesson 1
10:05 - 11:05	Lesson 2	10:05 - 11:05	Lesson 2
11:05 - 11:20	Breaktime	11:05 - 11:20	Breaktime
11:20 - 12:20	Lesson 3	11:20 - 12:20	Lesson 3
12:20 - 13:20	Lesson 4	12:20 - 13:15	Lunch
13:20 - 14:15	Lunch		
14:15 - 15:15	Lesson 5	13:15 - 15:15	"Amser Aur"

Attendance

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	



ABSENCE

An explanation for all absences must be given, whatever the duration. It is essential that the school be informed of any absence, by either letter, telephone or e-mail, at once. No explanation will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded.

Pupils must make every effort to be punctual for registration (8.45 a.m.). Late arrivals are recorded. Pupils arriving after registration has closed must sign in at the School Office.

School Buses

Pupils are conveyed to school by contracted vehicles and all transport arrangements are made by the Local Education Authority Transport Section (01639 763333) who will inform all parents of the route and times of arrival at the various pickup points. It is suggested that pupils should be at these points five minutes before the scheduled times.

Should a pupil miss the bus at the end of the day, he or she must report to the School Office.

All pupils must carry their bus passes daily.

The Unitary Authority's School Transport guidelines state clearly that any pupil who misbehaves on a school contract vehicle may lose his or her right to free travel.

A copy of the Authority's booklet A Guide to Transport on School Buses is available from the School Office.

School lunches

A mid-day meal is provided at the school and all pupils are urged to partake. Meals are served on a Cafeteria System and pupils have a choice of 'healthy eating' menus. Pupils pay daily for their selected choice of menu.



An average sum of £2.50 daily will buy a balanced, nutritious and healthy 'set' meal, although pupils may wish to pay less or more than this sum. Pupils may bring sandwiches with them to school to eat during the mid-day break.

Toast and other small, healthy items are on sale during mid-morning break or from 8.15am in Bwyty'r Twyni

Free School Meals

Forms are available this online on the Neath Port Talbot website.
<https://www.npt.gov.uk/1317>

Parent Pay



The Biometric cashless catering system has been in place in Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera since June 2016 and is provided by the Trust-e Cashless system, Nationwide Retail System Limited.

This system means that students and staff no longer to pay for school meals with cash. Instead they purchase their meals and snacks simply by presenting their Biometric finger code at the tills! The system also reduce queues at lunch time, and provides anonymous free school meals to pupils.

You will be able to put money on your child's account on line using a debit or credit card e.g.visa. Alternatively your child can put money on his/her account using the ParentPay machine in the Caffi'r Traeth Atrium.

A Biometric consent form must be completed by parents in order for pupils to use the system.

School Uniform, Resources and Equipment

School Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform. All items of clothing should carry the child's name. Parental support is requested in order to ensure that all pupils wear the correct school uniform.



School colours: Emerald Green, Royal Blue and Black

GIRLS

WINTER UNIFORM	
Jumper:	Official Royal Blue ('Jerzees') 'V' neck with school logo; first name embroidered on jumper
Trousers:	Black, plain, straight leg. Not jersey, no decoration or or flares, no crops. No fashion trousers
Skirt:	Black 'school' skirt. Not more than 5cm (2") above the knee. No 'fashion' skirts allowed.
Tie:	Blue and green
Blouse:	Plain light blue cotton, long sleeved (no 'fashion' blouses)
Tights/Socks:	Black
Shoes	Black. Heels no higher than 4cms (1.5"). No trainers.
Coat	Plain black coat
Summer term wear	
Polo Shirt:	Official school polo shirt - pale blue with school logo
Girls Physical Education and Sports Kit	
In the Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls' school sport top Navy blue or black cycling shorts or shorts Trainers
On the Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls' school sport top Navy blue hockey skirt or skirt or shorts Navy socks with school logo Blue or black tracksuit (in cold weather)
A tracksuit may be worn, if desired, for all outdoor activities.	

WINTER UNIFORM	
School Jumper	Official Royal Blue ('Jerzees') 'V' neck with school logo, first name embroidered on jumper
Trousers	Black
Tie	Green and blue
Shirt	Plain light blue cotton, long sleeved
Socks	Dark grey or black
Shoes	Black. No trainers.
Coat	Plain black coat
Summer term wear	
Polo shirt:	Official school polo shirt - pale blue with school logo
Boys' Physical Education and Sports Kit	
In the Gymnasium , Athletics, Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys' school sport top Black shorts Trainers
On the field, Rugby, Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reversible rugby shirt Navy shorts Rugby boots Navy sock with school logo Blue or black tracksuit , Navy ½ zip jumper with school logo(in cold weather)
Tracksuits may be worn, if desired, during all outdoor activities.	

PLEASE NOTE:

Hair

Pupils are expected to adopt suitable and acceptable hairstyles at all times. No extreme fashion 'cuts' or colours are allowed.

For safety reasons, pupils are advised to tie long hair back off their faces.

Ear-rings and body jewellery

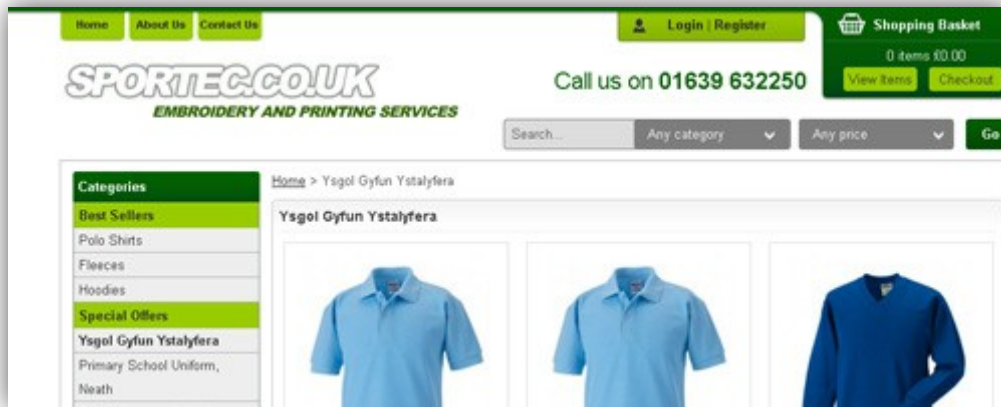
We allow one stud in each ear. No body jewellery is allowed for school. Pupils will be asked to remove such jewellery.

Name-Tapes

It is recommended that names are sewn on each article of clothing

Where can you purchase our school uniform?

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur school uniform shop



Sportec is a local company based in Neath which stocks all items you require for school uniform and PE kit. You can purchase online or call at their shop at Unit 5 Abbey Road Industrial Estate, Neath, SA10 7DN.

The company's contact details:

<http://www.sportec.co.uk/contact-us>

Items can be delivered free of charge directly to the school or to your home address (nominal charge).

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school has a full and varied programme of extra-curricular activities, which supports and underpins the formal curriculum. The Friday afternoon timetable (Amser Aur) will allow pupils to participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities of their choice.



The school will have a full programme of sporting and cultural activities. Homework Clubs and Departmental focus clubs also exist in order to improve pupil understanding and to accelerate progress.



Some of the sports organized and coached by the Physical Education Department include rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, cross- country, tennis, athletics, soccer, basketball, gymnastics, baseball, street hockey and badminton. The school is proud of its state of the art sporting facilities, which includes a Sports Hall, full international size astroturf pitch and a multi-use gaming area.

Pupils are encouraged to use the facilities provided centrally by the LEA in the arts (residential artists and authors), environmental education and sports.



Academic Year 2021-22

Term	Term Begins	Mid Term Holiday		Term Ends	Days
		Begins	Ends		
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2nd September	Monday 25th October	Friday 29th October	Friday 17th December	72
Spring 2022	Tuesday 4th January	Monday 21st February	Friday 25th February	Friday 8th April	64
Summer 2022	Monday 25th April	Monday 30th May	Friday 3rd June	Friday 22nd July	59
Total:					195



Contacting the School

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Welcome to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur. We look forward to working closely with you over the following

