

THE SCHOOL AT THE HEART OF WALES



Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to welcoming your child to Ysgol Calon Cymru on the 10th and 17th of July. We hope as many as possible are able to join us but appreciate that will not be possible for all due to various reasons.

Having worked with our primary colleagues we have already put the children in to forms. We will work on putting the children into smaller groups. Again, we will do this with the help and advice of the year 6 teachers so we try to keep children with friends. We will have to mix some children from different primary schools but will keep this to a minimum.

Whilst with us, the children will stay in those smaller groups for the day. They will take part in transition activities and will get a taster of high school lessons and outdoor activities. We ask that children are not brought to school before 8.40 please. School will start at 8.50 and end at 3.25. Staff will be out to welcome the children on arrival and to show them where to go. Children will need to bring in a packed lunch and enough drink to last a day. We ask that the children bring in stationary, pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, calculator, etc.

Children do not need to wear uniform. However, they should come to school in clothes that are easily washed. It is also important that pupils wear clean clothes on each day they attend.

There will be staggered break and lunchtimes so that the pupils can maintain social distancing. All pupils will be required to wash their hands before and after eating. During break and lunchtimes, outside spaces will be used as much as possible.

Anyone showing symptoms while in school will be kept separate from other children, and their parents/carers will be asked to pick them up and take them home.

When in school, we will all need to keep to social distancing rules. There will also be a limit on class sizes, and corridors and other communal areas will be signposted and marked to make it easier for everyone to follow social distancing.

We've worked hard to provide every student a safe and healthy working environment. As part of re-opening the school, we have been required to carry out a 'risk assessment'. This makes sure that the school is a safe environment for all pupils and staff.

Please go to these areas of our school website where we hope you will find all the information you need about transition and re-opening of school, including information about transport. The transition activities will be available on the website, after the 17th, for those unable to attend.

<https://www.ysgolcalon.cymru/back-to-school>

<https://www.ysgolcalon.cymru/year-6-transition>

Please get in touch with either campus if you want to talk to us. We may not be able to speak to you straight away but we will call you back. We understand that transition to high school is a big step for parents and children in normal circumstances and although we are slowly returning to a normal, transition this year is a little different. We are happy to answer any questions in the hope that we can alleviate anxieties.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Nicholas', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that extends across the width of the signature.

Mrs Gwennan Nicholas

Assistant Head, Ysgol Calon Cymru