



# Brynteg County Primary School

Date: March 2020

Dear Parents,

I appreciate that we are facing very challenging times ahead and many people are concerned about recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus.

We are following Welsh Government guidelines which currently state that schools are to remain open.

We are ensuring all pupils and staff are regularly washing their hands for 20 seconds and extra precautions are being taken regarding the cleaning of the school with frequent cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly.

The local authority has told schools,

‘Currently schools are open and the guidance we have received from Public Health Wales means that pupils should attend as usual. Therefore any absence should be unauthorised. Any pupil showing symptoms and needing to self-isolate should seek guidance from 111.’

I appreciate children will be off school over the coming weeks with other medical issues, could you please phone school on the first day of your child’s illness and these will be authorised.

Advice is changing day by day and diary events below may change, I will keep parents up to date via our Facebook page, website and text message service.

We are giving every child a new consent form which needs returning to school as soon as possible. It is very important we have up to date contact details and information.

Many thanks for your support at this time.

R Connell

## Diary Dates

### March

18th - All photograph money to be paid if class photos are wanted.

20th - Play in a Day for Year 6 pupils,

23rd - Bikeability Training for year 5 and 6 pupils

25th - Annual General Meeting with governors, parents welcome. Starting at 3.30pm.

### April

3rd - Break up for Easter holiday

20th - Training Day

21st - School opens for pupils.

28th April until 5th May - Reading and Numeracy tests for children in years 2 to 6.

## Additional Training Day

Thursday May 7th 2020

The Welsh Government have recently announced that all schools have been given an additional training day to be taken in the summer term. This is to enable schools to prepare for the new Welsh curriculum which is being brought into schools in September 2022. We are taking the training day on Thursday May 7th, this is the day before the Friday bank holiday.

## Family Links Programme

The staff from our Flying Start Office are running a free four week nurturing programme for parents. It will help parents to deal with a range of challenges. These will include support with challenging behaviour, exploring different approaches to discipline, and finding ways to develop co-operation and self discipline in children. It will run from April 21st until May 12th every Tuesday from 9.30am until 11.30am. Please book a place with Mrs Connell.