



Welcome - Croeso

**Nursery Induction Information
September 2022**

Staff

All our staff are qualified teachers or classroom assistants. In our foundation phase classes, we have a high ratio of adults to children so that your child receives as much individual attention as possible. All staff are given the opportunity to attend a variety of courses organised by the school, LA, colleges and universities.

- ❖ Head Teacher - Mrs L Ankers
- ❖ Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs A Taylor
- ❖ Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) - Miss R Williams
- ❖ Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2) - Mrs C Windsor & Mrs A Adams
- ❖ Class 3 (Year 3 and Year 4) - Mrs A Taylor & Miss E Hooson
- ❖ Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6) - Mr J Southall
- ❖ HLTA PPA cover/ALN - Mrs L Bull
- ❖ Learning Support Assistants inc ALN - Miss A Gudger, Mrs S Hayes, Mrs L Bull, Mrs L Jones, Mrs J Edwards, Miss A Bletcher,

Additional Educational Needs

- ❖ Teacher/Co-ordinator - Mrs M Newton
- ❖ Parent Partnership - Mrs C Windsor
- ❖ Secretary - Mrs L Jones (am)
- ❖ Admin Assistant - Miss L Gudger (pm)
- ❖ Caretaker - Mr R Smith
- ❖ Cleaner - Mrs E Thomas & Ms R Foulkes-Davies
- ❖ Breakfast club staff - Ms P Hughes, Ms A Bletcher, Miss S Edwards

The Nursery Day

- ❖ Registration, 8.50 am.
- ❖ Home time, 11.30 am.

During the day your child will be learning through first hand experiences. We plan and provide activities which enable valuable learning opportunities throughout the day in a relaxed and happy atmosphere. During your child's early years at Ysgol y Waun his/her curriculum will encompass the 'Curriculum for Wales' as outlined in the Welsh Office document of that name. There are six 'areas of learning and experiences' (AoLEs), Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing, Humanities, Languages, Literacy and Communication, Maths and Numeracy and Science and Technology. Within the AoLEs there are 'statements of what matter'. Children will explore the AoLEs through many different topics and experiences. We are currently planning our topics for next year and we are trying to link what matters statements across the topics as we feel this will allow children to learn deeper skills.

- ❖ Language Literacy and Communication/Reading, writing, speaking, listening (in English and Welsh)
- ❖ Mathematical Development.
- ❖ Role play.
- ❖ Small world play.
- ❖ Dough and malleable play.
- ❖ Sand and water play.
- ❖ Information Technology.
- ❖ Creative development.
- ❖ Outdoor play.
- ❖ Physical Education.
- ❖ Personal, Social, Moral and Cultural Education/Religious Education.

This is an exciting time for the children and young people of Wales. Education in Wales is changing. In 2022 we are going to change the way children and young people learn in schools. Schools will now be in charge of writing their own curriculum. A school's curriculum covers what children learn, how they learn and the reasons why they should learn. The current curriculum was first developed in 1988 so it's time to make a change and bring the curriculum up to date!

Please click on the links below to find out more information.

This first link takes you to a guide for children and families:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/api/storage/44b74558-5d89-4a5b-bf54-32bd6dcad1c0/a-new-curriculum-in-wales-a-guide-for-children-young-people-and-families.pdf>

This link takes you to a short video animation to explain the main changes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Am1wg46OsCE>

We are really excited about the possibilities the new curriculum offers and across the Hafod federation we have already begun work preparing for September 2022. Together we have designed our own logos to represent each of the 4 purposes. Each class has also been working on understanding what each purpose means and have changed the wording to 'child friendly speak' so that we all understand what it means to develop as the 4 purposes.

The First Few Days

Our policy is to provide the children in our care with a pleasant and enjoyable introduction to school. The first few weeks will be spent with the children getting familiar with their new surroundings, staff and routines. Teachers and support staff will be making observations as to how your child carries out certain activities and planning for the next day based on what your child has enjoyed that day.

During covid restrictions our children were collected from the school gates by staff and walked up to the building. We recognise this is quite a hill and can be upsetting for some children initially. We are happy for your child to join the class with Miss Williams at the gate at 8.45am and walk up to school with them. Collection is at 11.30am from just outside the front door where children will be passed onto you or any private childcare provider.

If your child is upset on entry into school, don't worry! That is not unusual. The best way to deal with it is:

- ❖ Give them a quick cuddle and kiss.
- ❖ Leave them in the care of the class teacher or classroom assistant, part of their job is to comfort an unsettled child.
- ❖ Telephone the school later in the morning if you are worried, we are always happy to let you know how your child has settled.

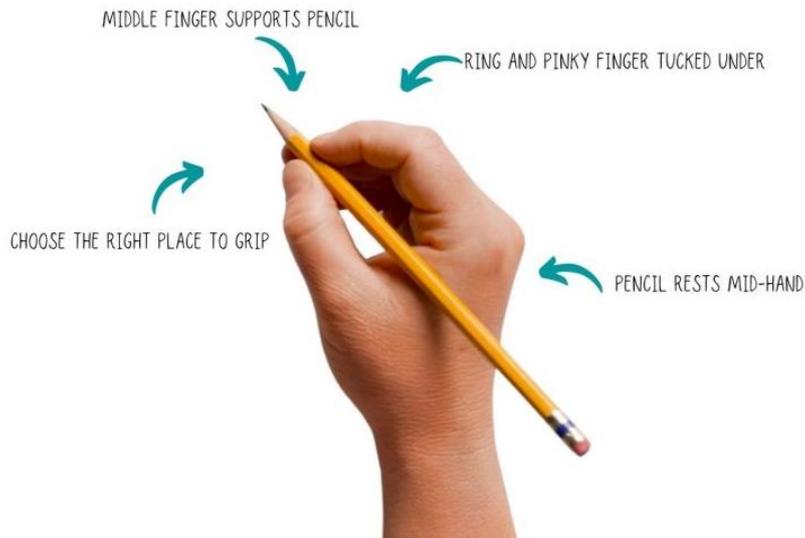
Staff are available to speak to at the end of each day if you have any problems or concerns – please do come to see us if you or your child have any worries, we want to act on them before they develop further.

Useful Information

- ❖ **Start of the Day** – Nursery children will come in through the cloakroom with their friends and staff. We encourage children to hang their own belongings up and put their water bottle and snack in the box in their classroom. If you arrive after registration, the cloakroom door will be locked and you will need to enter the school through the main door by ringing the green door bell.
- ❖ **Home time** – Nursery children can be collected from the bottom of the steps at the Nursery door at 11.30am. Each child is released only to their parents or pre-arranged adult representative. If you know you will be unable to collect your child personally we ask for a signed letter of authority for the person of your choice to collect your child from school. In emergencies, please telephone the school. We will ensure your child remains in our care until you arrive. Please try to be on time as children do get upset when parents are late.
- ❖ **Wraparound Care** – Sunbeams Playgroup, based in the Community Centre offer wraparound care from 11.30am until 3.00pm. Children can access a school dinner if required or bring their own packed lunch. BusyBodies Out of School Club offer childcare from 3pm until 5.30pm, they are also based in the Community Centre.
- ❖ **School nurse** – The School Nurses are having a change of school so I do not know who we will have in September, however they visit us on a regular basis. For Nursery

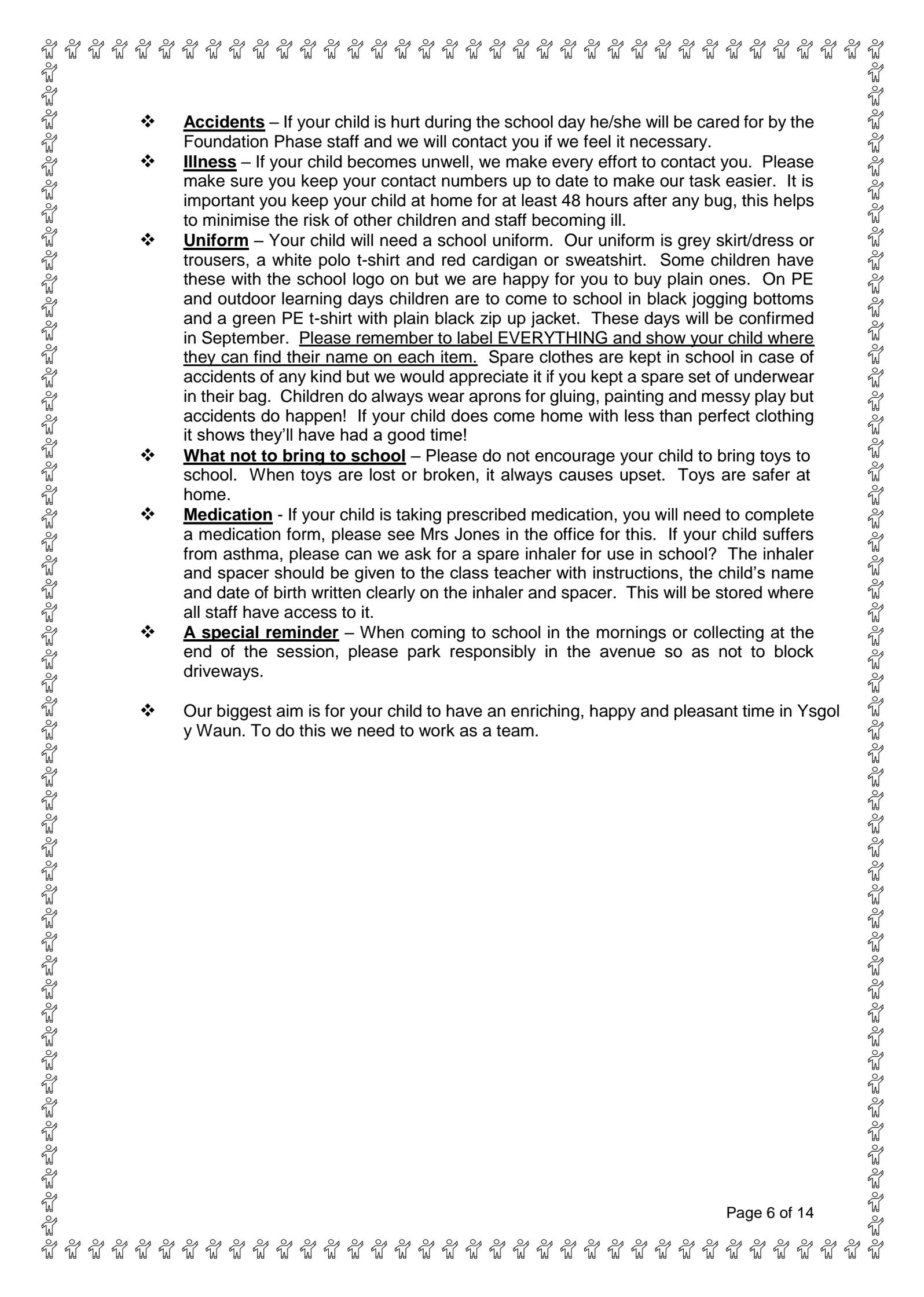
aged children referrals are arranged by your Health Visitor. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do what we can to help.

- ❖ **Handwriting** – Before we can write we need to build our muscles in our hands. To develop our fine motor skills, we set small table top activities each week. Whenever children pick up a pencil we encourage tripod grip, we build this skill through activities using pegs, tweezers and threading beads onto strings.



When children start to form letters, we encourage a cursive handwriting style right from Nursery, enabling your child to join his/her letters easily later on in school.

- ❖ **Reading sounds** – We teach the sounds using the Jolly Phonics programme. We will send a leaflet home with the sounds and actions in September but in the meantime if you are starting to talk about sounds please can we ask you teach them softly as 'ssss' rather than a hard 'S' or the name 'ess'. I am sure you will find clips on YouTube if you want to check. We encourage children to develop early reading skills right from the start of Nursery and Reception. Previously children have used book bags, however we now have plastic reading folders so the bag is not necessary. Please return book folders every day as letters/correspondence are put in them. As new sounds are introduced we will share these with you. Please support your child in learning to read and write their name and recognise the letters from their name in the environment, e.g. on road signs, house names, posters etc.
- ❖ **Breakfast initiative** – Ysgol y Waun has a Breakfast Initiative. All pupils (Nursery to Year 6) can arrive 7.45am until 8.15am at a cost of £1.50 per child, then from 8.15am until 8.45am is free of charge. The children are provided with a free, healthy breakfast and then supervised until school begins.
- ❖ **After School Club** – Ysgol y Waun offer childcare from 3.00pm until 5.30pm, they are based in the small hall. The price is £4.00 up until 4pm, £8.00 up to 5pm and £10.00 up to 5.30pm. A booking form is emailed out each week. We always have space for children so if your plans do change please just email or ring the office and we will add your child to the list.
- ❖ **Snack** – Children are allowed, and encouraged to bring fruit for snack. This can be a whole piece or cut up in a plastic tub. Please can we ask that grapes are cut lengthways for safety as they can be a choking hazard if kept whole. Children will also have a drink of milk or water mid-morning. Please ensure you inform us of any known allergies or dietary requirements.

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- ❖ **Accidents** – If your child is hurt during the school day he/she will be cared for by the Foundation Phase staff and we will contact you if we feel it necessary.
 - ❖ **Illness** – If your child becomes unwell, we make every effort to contact you. Please make sure you keep your contact numbers up to date to make our task easier. It is important you keep your child at home for at least 48 hours after any bug, this helps to minimise the risk of other children and staff becoming ill.
 - ❖ **Uniform** – Your child will need a school uniform. Our uniform is grey skirt/dress or trousers, a white polo t-shirt and red cardigan or sweatshirt. Some children have these with the school logo on but we are happy for you to buy plain ones. On PE and outdoor learning days children are to come to school in black jogging bottoms and a green PE t-shirt with plain black zip up jacket. These days will be confirmed in September. Please remember to label EVERYTHING and show your child where they can find their name on each item. Spare clothes are kept in school in case of accidents of any kind but we would appreciate it if you kept a spare set of underwear in their bag. Children do always wear aprons for gluing, painting and messy play but accidents do happen! If your child does come home with less than perfect clothing it shows they'll have had a good time!
 - ❖ **What not to bring to school** – Please do not encourage your child to bring toys to school. When toys are lost or broken, it always causes upset. Toys are safer at home.
 - ❖ **Medication** - If your child is taking prescribed medication, you will need to complete a medication form, please see Mrs Jones in the office for this. If your child suffers from asthma, please can we ask for a spare inhaler for use in school? The inhaler and spacer should be given to the class teacher with instructions, the child's name and date of birth written clearly on the inhaler and spacer. This will be stored where all staff have access to it.
 - ❖ **A special reminder** – When coming to school in the mornings or collecting at the end of the session, please park responsibly in the avenue so as not to block driveways.
 - ❖ Our biggest aim is for your child to have an enriching, happy and pleasant time in Ysgol y Waun. To do this we need to work as a team.

Inside Class 1...



We are lucky to have a large open plan space, in which all the different learning areas can be catered for.

Inside Class 2...



Cloakroom Area



Inside Class 2...



In our class we have lots of areas to work in and challenges to complete throughout the week when the children are working independently.



Inside Class 3...



Inside Class 4...



What it looks like inside our school..



Through the main entrance.
The left takes you to Mrs. Ankers office and the Foundation Phase.
The right leads you to where play group / After school club is held
as well as Mrs. Jones's office and the school hall.

Leading to Foundation Phase and through to Key Stage Two...



Our Rainbow Room...soon to be Class 3



Key Stage 2 cloakroom and Library area...



School hall...



Our Sunbeams play group / after school club room...



School Grounds...

- Foundation Phase Play ground



Key Stage 2 Yards...



Around the key stage 2 outdoors...



Views around the school..

