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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the summer break. It was lovely seeing so many happy faces walking into school this morning. As ever, we welcome our new Year 3 pupils and their families, as well as welcoming new families into the other year groups too!

One of our main focuses this year is going to be on attendance and punctuality. We want every child who comes to Esgob Morgan to be happy and feel like they belong to our school family. In order to achieve this pupils need to attend school as often as they can. Poor attendance can have a negative impact on your child's self-esteem and friendship groups. Your child can not progress through the curriculum and make achievements against this curriculum if they are not here. Here is the data;

- **Half a day off in a week = 90% attendance**
- **1 day off in a week = 80% attendance**
- **One and a half days off in a week = 70% attendance**
- **2 days off in a week = 60% attendance**

However, there are times when attendance is not possible. We put these into 2 categories. **Authorised** and **Unauthorised**. If your child is unwell we would expect you to make the judgement as to whether they would be well enough to attend school. We can also authorise for a medical appointments. However, we kindly ask, where possible, that all medical and dental appointment are made after school hours or during school holidays. We would expect, again where possible, pupils to be able to come to school before and after their appointments.

We do like to help where ever possible and so if your child has more than 5 days (10 sessions) sickness absence we may contact you to see if there is anything we can do as a school to help you.

It is possible to request leave which can, under the right circumstances, be approved. By and large, holiday requests are unauthorised—but each case is assessed on it own merit.

If a child does not attend school and we do not receive notification as to why from our text, phone call or letter we send, then it shall be recorded as unauthorised. Late after registration is also counted as an unauthorised absence. Any incident of 10 sessions missed through unauthorised absence will be investigated by the school. We may then need to seek advice from the Educational Social work team should things not improve.

Our school day starts at 9AM. It is advisable to have your child in school for 8:45AM where they can go straight into school. If you need to drop your child off earlier we have a breakfast club which they are able to attend. Lateness can add up to a lot of lost learning.

- **5 mins every day = 3 days lost over the year**
- **15 mins every day = 2 weeks lost over the year**
- **30 mins late every day = 19 days lost over the year**

Besides which, children really hate being late for school. It can make them anxious and upset about attending school. If you have problems in getting your child to school on time you must let us know as soon as possible. Sorry this first letter is a bit full on—but I really want to avoid starting this year the way last year ended.

Your help and support is much appreciated. Any issues with anything please do get in touch. **Mr Redgrave.**



Clubs—W/B 17th Sept - 3:15 to 4PM.



- Monday—Rugby (all ages)
- Tuesday - Cooking Y3/4 (will change to Year 5 and 6—details to follow) & Net-ball Y5/6
 - Wednesday - Lego
 - Thursday - Football



Uniform

We are proud of our school colours and it is pleasing to see children wearing their uniform in school. Your support would be appreciated in fitting all pupils with school uniform for regular attendance as well as special occasions. Colours are green sweatshirts, yellow polo t-shirts, grey or black trousers and shoes. Please label your children's clothing – it allows us to re home the lost jumpers! The tops do not need to have the logo on.

Our school P.E kit is black shorts or school joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

One Way Traffic System

It can get quite congested in Ffordd Siarl at of our school day!

So, we try to operate a one way traffic system. It would be a great help if you could turn 2nd right into Tan Y Bryn to Ffordd Siarl to approach and leave school by Ffordd Siarl. Due to the limited amount of parking and turning space we ask kindly if parents could avoid driving into school grounds unless absolutely necessary.

PTFA -We need to do a relaunch! We need you! More details to follow!

EAware –Please check your SeeSaw inbox for this very important questionnaire.

After School Club

We are committed to providing wrap around care for the children at our school and have a very successful after school club. However, over recent years we have struggled to find a permanent manager and staff for the club. Once again we find ourselves in this position. We will, once again, advertise in the hope that someone applies—previous rounds of recruitment have seen few, if any, people apply for the job.

If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested in the role of manager of the afterschool and holiday club, please get in touch with the school as soon as possible.

The immediate outlook is not positive but we hope to keep the club open and are doing all we can to avoid closing it.

Dates for Diary (all will be on our Website [subject to change])

Sept

6th—London Meeting (after school in Yr 5 classroom)

26th—Open Evening

Oct

3rd to 5th—Yr 6 London Trip

16th and 17th—Parents Evening

19th—Harvest Service (TBC)

Oct cont...

27th—School Closes for Half term

Nov

6th—Training Day

7th—School Opens for Pupils

17th—Non Uniform (Tombola / smellies)

24th—Non Uniform (Bottles)

Nov cont...

30th - Non Uniform (Biscuits) / Christmas Quiz and Hot Pot

Dec

14th—Christmas Concert

21st—School Closes for Pupils

22nd—Training Day

Jan 8th Training Day. Open on 9th.