

## **Parent News**

**Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> 2021**

### **Phone Lines**

Unfortunately, the school phone lines are down again. Last time this happened it was due to flooding in the connection box. BT are aware, but we could be without phone communication at least until the end of today.

### **Tempest Photography**

All the children at Ysgol Derwen were due to have their photograph taken this morning and they all look so smart. Unfortunately, we were informed at 8.20am this morning that the photographer was unable to attend as she was having a PCR test.

I will inform you of the new date once Tempest Photography rearrange the appointment.

### **Covid Situation**

Covid is still causing considerable disruption to many children's education in Flintshire and across the country with some schools experiencing 20%+ of their pupils testing positive and having to isolate. Many schools are also struggling with staff absence either due to Covid or childcare to look after their child, and many supply agencies are finding it difficult to find cover for absent staff.

Thank you very much to all the parents who are following the school request to be vigilant with regards to Covid symptoms by either keeping their child home if they are unwell or getting their child tested. We also have children currently isolating due to a positive case in the household with these parents also being extremely cautious in order to protect the school and the community.

At the end of last week over 800 pupils and 60 members of staff were self-isolating from Flintshire schools following a positive PCR Test. Let's all continue to work together to stay safe, keep Covid out of Ysgol Derwen and keep the children in school.

### **Virtual Parents' Evening**

We believe it is important for parents/carers to be provided with the opportunity to discuss their child's progress to date along with how they have settled back into the new school year after so much disruption over the past months.

As we are still unable to have our traditional face to face parents evening at school due to Covid restrictions, we would like to invite you to virtually attend again using the online system for parents evening we used last term called School Cloud.

These online sessions are scheduled for the week beginning October 11<sup>th</sup> and will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 3.30pm and 6pm.

Invites for these 10-minute sessions will be released later this week and you will receive a link through an email. Please ensure that we have your correct email address if you have changed it recently.

When you get your invite, you will need to log into the online booking platform which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. We will also send out a short guide to support you through the booking process. Once you have booked your appointments you will receive an email confirming them.

If you do not have access to the internet, or experience issues in making your appointments after you receive your invite, then please contact your class teacher who will be able to offer their assistance and book appointments or arrange to hold the meeting over the telephone.

Further information regarding this event will be issued prior to the evening.

### **Nursery and Reception Intake September 2022**

Nursery and Reception applications for September 2022 has opened today (September 27<sup>th</sup>). Application forms are available from the office and should be available to download from the website by the end of the day. You can also email the office and they will get the application form to you.

### **Year 7 Admissions**

Applications for Year 7 Admissions (High School) for September 2022 are now open for all current Year 6 Pupils. Please ensure you submit your application online to Flintshire County Council by **November 5th 2021**.

### **Admissions Timetable 2021/22**

<b>Admission Phase</b>	<b>Admission forms available to parents w/c</b>	<b>Parents' consideration period</b>	<b>Closing date for receipt of completed forms</b>	<b>Allocation period by LA/ admitting authority</b>	<b>Parents informed by ("Offer date")</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	06/09/21	06/09/21- 05/11/21	05/11/21	08/11/21- 07/01/22	01/03/22
<b>Reception</b>	27/09/21	27/09/21- 19/11/21	19/11/21	22/11/21- 25/02/22	19/04/22
<b>Nursery</b>	27/09/21	27/09/21- 18/02/22	18/02/22	21/02/22- 25/03/22	06/05/22

Thank you for your continued support

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