

Ysgol Gynradd Cilffriw



Cilffriw Primary School



Togetherhness

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the school community and set out what you can expect over the coming months.



Firstly, I am delighted to be joining such a wonderful school community. I will strive to nurture positive relationships between school and families and the local community. We need to ensure that schools and it's community work together to secure the very best outcomes for all children in our care. Cilffriw is a wonderful community and my intentions are to ensure the community play a vital role in the work of the school. As parents, you know your children best and we would like to develop systems to ensure that a true partnership is effective in order that we can support your child as best as we can.

We will ensure that our children are at the centre of everything we do and are safe and secure at school. We want our children to have a love for learning and will have high expectations of both learning and progress and ensure all children are given the opportunity to reach their full potential. We want to ensure all our children believe in themselves and their abilities and aspire to be the best they can be. They should want to learn so they can go on to achieve their dreams and goals and have the best chances in life.

We will have an embedded ethos of reflection and improvement, which will be necessary to make strides forward. We aim not only for academic excellence but also for our children to be confident at planning and organising and holding themselves to account. We want them to be creative and confident, independent and collaborative learners and thinkers, who will be well prepared for success in adulthood. Wales has seen the introduction of a new curriculum which enables children to develop vital skills and learning in order that they grow into incredible adults in Wales and the wider world. Together, we can make a difference.

>95%
ATTENDANCE
IS REGARDED AS THE
MINIMUM
ACCEPTABLE LEVEL

Weekly Attendance:

Ash- 89.2%

Beech- 87.2%

Cherry- 86.7%

Elm- 91.3%

Maple- 92.1%

Oak- 96.0%

Pine- 83.3%

Total- 89.5%

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT- WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE IMPROVEMENTS

1

SAFEGUARDING

To strengthen safeguarding arrangements and address health and safety issues

2

LEADERSHIP

Improve strategic leadership at all levels

3

PROGRESSION & TEACHING

Improve teachers' use of on-going assessment to inform appropriate next steps in pupils' learning and challenge pupils

4

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Improve the provision for the teaching of and the progressive development of pupils' skills (Welsh, Digital, Writing, Numeracy)

Safeguarding

As a parent or carer you want to make sure your children are safe, happy and well-looked after in order for them to grow up into healthy and happy adults.

Keeping children safe is the responsibility of the whole school community, this means even those visiting the school have a responsibility to report instances of actual or suspected abuse or neglect to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). Safeguarding doesn't just include child protection matters. Attendance, behaviour, health and safety are vital to safeguarding children. Lead safeguarding officers are below:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Mrs K Key

The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is: Mrs N Lambert-Jones

Additional Trained Staff Member: Mrs B Goss

Link Governor Safeguarding Officer: Mr S Thomas

The DSLs take lead responsibility for safeguarding and children protection (this includes online safety) and are available to provide advice and support to other staff and the school community on child welfare and child protection matters. However safeguarding is everyone's business at school and you make speak with anyone you feel most comfortable.

Confidentiality:

Information from parents about possible child abuse cannot be kept confidential. Information and records



about children will be given only to those people who need it to keep a child safe and will be kept strictly confidential by them.

There are a number of ways by which you can report a concern about a child in our school. You can:

- Speak with your child's class teacher or another member of staff when you drop-off or collect from school.
- Phone and ask to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or a Designated Lead for Safeguarding on 01639 630816.
- Email the school office on cilffriw@npt.school
- If your concern needs a response outside of school working hours:and you feel someone is at immediate risk of significant harm please contact the Police on 999.
- If you have non-urgent information, related to the wider community please contact the Police on 101.
- If your concern is specific to a child or young person please ring SPOC on 01639 686802 or e-mail spoc@npt.gov.uk
- If you are a child or young person you can speak with Childline on 0800 1111. Adults can also use this service.

HAVE YOUR SAY PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

I would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful parents that joined me Wednesday for an introduction. It was refreshing to hear how much support the community has for the school and how valuable your contributions will be in order for the school to improve. It was clear that communication, understanding the school's current position, involvement in school life and having a detailed knowledge of your child's development was an area that we need to work on. I intend holding regular sessions to update you.

There will also be a parental questionnaire going out next week. Please take time to complete this honestly so that I can understand your thoughts and experiences to date with the school. This way, we can plan effectively for the future.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE:	WHAT'S GOING ON:	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
22nd February	Year 5 and 6- Walk through Bible	External partners will walk through the bible with the children.
26th February	Eisteddfod Week Starts	Children bring entries into school this week.
27th February	Links with Aberdulais Falls	Talk about the history of the falls.
1st March	St David's Day	Children can come dressed in traditional Welsh costume or national team clothing. The children will be having Welsh cakes at lunch with traditional sausage. Welsh activities will take place throughout the day and parents are invited into the main school hall at the end of the day to see the children's fabulous Welsh work.
6th March	Year 6 Transition Day- Llangatwg	Children will experience different subjects and teachers and will further familiarise themselves with the secondary school. Smart school uniform.
7th March	World Book Day	Please don't go spending on expensive outfits, a prize will be given for the best home made outfit! Have fun creating together as a family.
11th and 12th March	Progress Evening for Parents	Booking forms will be sent out for appointments next week.
12th March	Paul Doyle Story Time	Paul attends all classes developing a love of story.
15th March	Red Nose Day	Children can wear red for the day for a donation of £1.
21st and 22nd March	Easter Celebrations	Easter bonnet parade, Easter egg hunt for the children and activities and fingers crossed the bunny comes.
25th March- 8th April	Easter Holidays	Family time, enjoy the break!

UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

ACCESS MAIN SCHOOL

Just a reminder to always use the main school pedestrian gate when accessing the school.

Please do not walk through the car parking area. We want to ensure our whole community is safe.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are fortunate in Wales that all children in Primary schools are entitled to free school meals. Please click on the link to check the menu.

<https://beta.npt.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/transport-meals-uniforms/primary-school-meals/>

MEDICATION

All medication that comes into school must go through the main school office. This also applies if you have a renewal medication. Please do not hand any medication over to a teacher or LSA.

THANK YOU

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the children, staff, parents and community for making me feel so welcome. I am really excited to be embarking on this new journey with you all.