Ysgol Glan-y-Môr School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming back all our learners on **Thursday 3rd September 2026,** as we commence a busy and exciting new academic year. In particular, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils who will join us for the very first time in Year 7. We hope they enjoy their first day of secondary school.

The school day will commence at 8:30am and end at 2:50pm as normal. The building will be open to learners from 8:00am and we would appreciate your support to enable a prompt start to the day with learners in their registration rooms by 8:30am at the latest. On arrival, all pupils will be greeted by their form teacher and Head of Year who will guide them through the school's more detailed procedures. Buses will bring children to the school car park. For parents who wish to bring children by car, you are welcome to use the car park near the bus bays at the rear entrance of the school, however, please avoid using the front car park to avoid congestion.

Staff will be on hand to direct pupils if needed. Please note that our usual safety procedures at the end of the school day remain in place. The school gates will be closed at 2:45 – 3:00pm and **no cars or buses are to move in the carpark until all pupils have left to ensure a safe and calm exit.**

All learners will be issued new timetables and planners on their first day, and we will begin on week one.

Transport

School buses will operate normally from **Thursday 3rd September**. Full bus timetables and transport application forms can be found on the following link: https://www.glanymorschool.co.uk/Parents/School-Transport/. This service is run by Carmarthenshire Local Authority and not the school. If you experience any issues, please contact them on 01267 228326. Bus passes have been issued directly to pupils via post with details including timetables and routes. For further information and updates regarding buses, please see www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/schooltransport.

Catering arrangements

Lunch arrangements will be very similar to last year with learners able to purchase lunch in the dining area. There will also be the opportunity to purchase snacks at break time. At the start of the year, we will stagger lunchtimes to allow Year 7 a little more time to find their way around and become familiar with the systems.

The school operates a cashless system through ParentPay. Year 7 learners will have received information regarding catering in schools including a parent consent/allergy form that needs to be returned before pupils can be added to the biometric cashless system. **Please ensure all year 7 pupils and new learners bring their signed consent form to school on their first day**. A copy of the form is added to the end of this newsletter if needed. Further information on Parent pay can be found on the link: https://www.glanymorschool.co.uk/Links/ParentPay/.

Uniform

On return to school, all pupils will be expected to wear normal uniform as specified on our school website. Please see the link: https://www.glanymorschool.co.uk/Parents/Uniform/. A grant is available for school uniform and equipment for families who are eligible. Please see the link for more information: School Uniform & Equipment Grant. In addition, Glan-y-Môr aims to support families in our community as much as possible and throughout the year we will be in touch with information on how we can help with uniform for your child. Please follow our newsletters and social media pages for more details this term or get in touch with your child's Head of Year.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind you that our mobile phone policy remains in place as with all Secondary School across Carmarthenshire. The simple strap line **'On site out of sight'** reminds pupils that mobile phones must be off and in their bags for the duration of time that they are on site at school. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call reception who will help you to reach your child. The full policy document can be found on our website including frequently asked questions: https://www.glanymorschool.co.uk/Policies/

You may also find the resources created by the Local Authority in collaboration with schools useful: Mobile phone policy, phones out of sight - Carmarthenshire County Council

Communication

As many of you will be aware, our communication app is called EdulinkOne. This app allows you to keep on top of latest updates direct to your phone, as well as track your child's attendance, progress and achievements. We can also share information, alerts and reports specifically for your child. Information on how to sign up can be found here: https://www.glanymorschool.co.uk/News/Edulink-A-Parents-Guide/

Results Day – Celebrations!

Over the Summer, we enjoyed a very busy but wonderfully rewarding day on the 20th August where we celebrated the external results of our learners who sat GCSE and vocational courses. Learners in Year 11 and 10 attained an excellent set of results, and our pupils and their parents had a really enjoyable day. The smiling faces, positive comments and many messages of thanks are testament to the hard work of our pupils, and the outstanding support received from their teachers and parents. Well-done to everyone involved, and in particular a huge thank you to everybody who supported these learners throughout the year for all your efforts that have culminated in such success.

Expectations

As we approach the new term, we wish to remind our learners of the high expectations for learning, behaviour and engagement at Glan-y-Môr. We are proud of the excellent standards maintained by learners. The 3As (**Attendance, Attitude and Achievement**) and the 3Rs (**Respect**, **Relationships** and **Responsibility**) are key elements of our school culture which extend to everyone in our community. We are a proudly caring school and firmly believe that everyone has an important part to play in developing an inclusive community where every pupil can thrive and achieve their very best.

By working together in partnership, we can enjoy a positive start to the year in a happy school where learners feel they belong. We want to support our learners and families as best we can to help each individual achieve and we have compiled a list of useful external information that parents may find useful as a source of reference if needed. Please see the following link https://www.glanymorschool.co.uk/Parents/Useful-Information-Advice/.

Finally

As a school, we are excited for the year ahead as we continue to strive to be the best we can be. Thank you for your continued support, of our school, our community and your own wider families. We once again wish you well and look forward to welcoming your children back, **Thursday 3rd September** with an **8:30am** start for all year groups.

Kind regards,

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