Pentrehafod School, Swansea



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well as we prepare to return to school after a restful summer break.

<u>Key Dates:</u> Friday 1st September – INSET Day. Monday 4th September – INSET Day. Tuesday 5th September – Year 7 and 11 only. Wednesday 6th September – All year groups attend school.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school by 8.25am, thus giving them time to arrive at registration for 8.30am. All students will need to be dropped-off on the surrounding streets e.g., on Pentremawr Road. There is no unauthorised vehicle access on the school site. Additionally, please can you avoid using the entrance to the school drive as a turning point as this causes congestion issues for vehicles entering and leaving site. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Parent/Carer Communication

We will launch the 'Class Charts Parents App' for parents/carers of students in year 7 from Friday 1st September. If you are a parent/carer of a child in year 7, then you will receive an email notifying you of your unique access code. If it is not in your inbox, please check your junk mail. Class Charts will keep you up to date with attendance, absence, school announcements, behaviour and much more. To ensure that all parents/carers are ready, we request that you download the 'Class Charts Parents App' from your app store.

Changes to School Meals/Trips Online Payments - September 2023

As highlighted in previous communication, from September 2023, we will no longer use Squid for online payments and will be a CASHLESS SCHOOL. Students cannot bring cash into school to top up their accounts. This will need to be done online with our new provider – CRB Cunningham's. However, according to our records, a number of parents/carers have still not signed up to this provider. I must stress that this is the responsibility of each parent/carer. Where this has not been done, parents/carers will need to make alternative meal arrangements for lunch. Please note, that students eligible for free school meals will automatically have their account credited.

School Uniform

In preparation for September 2023, please note that the compulsory items of school uniform are the **School Blazer, Blue Shirt, Tie, Black Trousers or <u>Knee-Length</u> Skirt, and Black Footwear. The school jumper is an optional item that can be worn underneath the blazer for warmth. Students are not allowed to wear leggings. Your child will also require a suitable bag, not a handbag. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform in readiness for September, as this will avoid unnecessary issues in September. Your support in this is very much appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this, then please contact your child's learning leader in the first instance.**

Yours Faithfully,

Headteacher

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