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Ysgol Pen Barras



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Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone at Ysgol Pen Barras for the 2026-27 academic year. It will be wonderful to welcome the children back, along with 34 new Nursery pupils joining us.

Staffing: We extend a warm welcome to the following new members of staff:

- Miss Lydia Ellis – Teaching Assistant- Nursery and Clwb Ffrindiau Bach
- Miss Mabli Fitzgerald – Teaching Assistant- Year 1 and 2
- Miss Llio Thomas – Teaching Assistant- Year 1 and 2

We also send our best wishes and hope for a speedy recovery to Mr Owen Hughes, who remains absent due to sickness absence. Covering his teaching commitments this half term will be Mr Ianto Williams and Mrs Ffion Mosford. A warm welcome to both.

Site Access- Please remember that the school gates open each morning at 8:45am, with the bell ringing at 8:50am for the Foundation Phase and 9:00am for the Junior Department. Please ensure that your child/children arrive punctually each morning.

Communication with Parents- As you know, we have the Ysgol Pen Barras App, which is available to download onto your electronic devices. Through the app, you can access school newsletters and various links. We also have a Facebook page, where details and posters for school events, along with the latest news, are regularly shared.

School Website- Our school website is: www.ysgolpenbarras.cymru

After-School Extracurricular Clubs- We will be sharing a list of extracurricular clubs for this term very soon. Further details will follow.

School Uniform- It is important that children follow the school's guidelines regarding school uniform and PE kit. Full details can be found on the school website and app. We also offer a 'school uniform' swap shop- school jumpers, shorts, skirts are available from the main school reception- please help yourselves to items you need.

Labelling Clothing and Personal Belongings- Please remember to clearly label your children's school clothing. It is surprising how much lost property remains unclaimed and unlabelled since the end of last term.

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Punctuality- Please remember that the school bell rings at **9.00am**, and pupils are expected to have arrived on the playground by that time. If children arrive late, they should report to the school office and sign the late book so that we can accurately monitor attendance. Thank you in advance for your support.

Absences- Please contact the school office promptly by telephone or email if your child is unwell. At the start of the term, we will also be sharing correspondence from Denbighshire Education Department regarding **Pupil Attendance** procedures. Please look out for this information.

Opening and Closing Times- Please remember:

- Foundation Phase pupils finish school each day at 3:05pm
- Junior Department pupils (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) finish at 3:15pm

Medication- If your child requires medication during the school day, please complete the official medication form available from the school reception office.

Admissions Applications- Please remember that applications must be made for places in **Nursery, Reception**, and **Year 7/Secondary School** for September 2027.

Nursery Applications 2027-28: Open from 21 September 2026

Reception Applications 2027-28: Open from 21 September 2026

Year 7 Secondary School Applications: Open now. Application deadline: 31 October 2026

For further information, please follow this link: **Admission to School | Denbighshire County Council**

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/cy/addysg-ac-ysgolion/derbyn-i-ysgol/derbyn-i-ysgol.aspx>

Complaints Policy- If you are unhappy with any matter relating to the school, please ensure that you follow the correct procedures. In the first instance, where appropriate, you should contact the class teacher, then the Unit Leader, and then the Headteacher if the matter remains unresolved. Following this, you may refer the matter to the Chair of Governors. The policy is also available on the school website.

The Welsh Language- Here at Ysgol Pen Barras, it is extremely important to us to promote the Welsh identity of the school, both linguistically and culturally. Developing pupils' pride in their language is one of the cornerstones of the school's values and vision. Encouraging pupils to use Welsh socially both inside and outside school is very important.

We hope that all children settle back into school happily and confidently. We are very pleased to welcome everyone back.

Kind regards,

Dyfan Phillips and Ysgol Pen Barras Staff