



Llangewydd Junior School

Headteacher: Mrs. K Green Deputy Headteacher Mrs. L Evans Assistant Headteacher: Mr. D Evans:
ALNCo: Mrs. T Porter SLT: Mrs. S Jones, Mrs. W Mitchell, Mrs. J Davies



05.09.2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you about recent changes to the entrance and exit gates at the school, and the reasons behind these necessary adjustments.

As many of you may have noticed, there has been increasing congestion and traffic around the school premises, particularly at the end of the school day. The safety and well-being of our pupils is our top priority, and we have been working diligently to address this issue.

This week, we have been in contact with several officers from the Local Authority, including Health and Safety and Highway Safety departments, as well as our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and Valley's to Coast Housing Office. Together, we have assessed the situation and identified potential measures to improve safety and efficiency around the school vicinity.

One significant change that has been implemented is the closure of the Year 6 Heol-y-Frehines gate. This decision was made due to the alarming discovery of used needles being left on the pathway and near the school gate. This poses a serious health and safety risk for our pupils, and it is imperative that we take immediate action to keep them safe and away from this ongoing problem.

In light of this situation, it has been agreed that only two gates will be used for entering and exiting the school premises. These changes are necessary to ensure the safety and security of all pupils, families and staff members.

We kindly ask if you live in close proximity to the school building that you walk and do not use a car. This will alleviate the parking issue and volume of traffic trying to park. We have put a safety measure in place with staggered timings for the year groups as well as asking Year 3



Llangewydd Junior School, Llangewydd Road, Bridgend, South Wales UK CF31 4JT
Tel: 01656 815530 admin@llangewyddjs.bridgend.cymru www.llangewydd.co.uk



Llangewydd Junior School

**Headteacher: Mrs. K Green Deputy Headteacher Mrs. L Evans Assistant Headteacher: Mr. D Evans:
ALNCo: Mrs. T Porter SLT: Mrs. S Jones, Mrs. W Mitchell, Mrs. J Davies**

parents to wait in the drive area, between the blue electric gate and the silver gate. Mr. McVeigh, site supervisor, is out daily urging families to do this. Year 4 should be out of the building and promptly leave the site by 3:25 pm, which should then reduce the volume of people at the gate for Year 3 to exit safely at 3:30 pm. Teachers escort the pupils out of the school building and therefore will be with the pupils until an adult collects or until the pupil walks home. We have over 350 pupils here at Llangewydd and want our pupils to safely enter and exit the building.

We understand that these alterations may cause inconvenience for some families, but please know that they are crucial for the protection and well-being of our school community. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate through these challenges together. Once our school PCSO is back in work, she will also support the school and help to monitor the end of day arrangements.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the gate changes or any other matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback and support are invaluable to us as we strive to create a safe and positive learning environment for all.

Thank you for your continued partnership in promoting the welfare of our pupils.

Warm regards,

Mrs K Green

Headteacher

