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27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Vehicle Transport, Parking at the Start and End of the School Day and the new Gate System.**

Thank you very much to all parents/guardians who help to transport our young people to and from school daily.

The Local Authority has supported Ysgol Rhiwabon by planning and installing an electric gate system during the Summer Holiday to improve the security of the site. This is due to go live from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, when we return after Half Term, limiting the traffic on site at the start, during and end of the school day.

For safety reasons please could I ask you to drop off and pick up your son/daughter outside school. Sometimes there is a medical reason to explain why it is necessary to drive in to the school, but this arrangement needs to be agreed with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. In this instance a parking permit will be provided. Taxi transport will still be able to access the site via the gates.

I know you will understand why this request is important. It avoids the risk of accidents at busy school times. It also restricts unknown visitors during school hours, keeping the site safer for your child.

### **How will the gate system operate?**

- All students will be expected on site by 8.45am ready for registration at 8.50am. They will enter via the steps in the Bus Bay if they arrive by bus, through the small gate by the main entrance if walking, cycling or dropped off or the rear Offa's Dyke gate entrance.
- All gates will be locked by 8.50am. Students entering school after this time will need to use the intercom system and report to the office as this will be logged as a late.
- Please ring the office on 01978 822392 if your child is going to be late for any reason as this will be monitored very closely after Half Term. You will be alerted by text if your child is late.
- The gates will remain locked throughout the day. Controlling access to the school site will make it much safer for students and staff.
- Parents /family members should only enter the school site if they have a pass or a pre-arranged appointment.

## **Parking outside the school**

Bollards will be placed outside the Main Gate entrance to avoid parking near the gates to ensure traffic can be free flowing. Any queue there will be very dangerous if there are parked cars directly by the gates.

As we do have a significant number of students travelling to and from school by car on quite narrow roads, where possible, can I remind parents who transport their child/children to be considerate to local residents needs' at these peak times.

I appreciate your continued support and cooperation with this new system. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Ferron-Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

**M Ferron-Evans**  
**Headteacher**

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