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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the parents and carers that have come along and said hello to the governors and the leadership team at the meet the headteacher sessions recently, it was great to start to get to know some of you. We are writing to update you about the staffing overview across each school campus from September 2024.

The temporary governing body and the leadership team have jointly developed the staffing structure, taking into account, staff changes, budget implications and pupil numbers across the campuses. Currently each school is familiar with mixed-age classes, and we wanted to provide some further information on the principles behind our organisation.

Mixed-age classes will encourage children to build diverse and healthy relationships with peers of different ages. Older children will serve as role models for younger ones, modeling interpersonal skills, independence, and good examples of social behaviours.

We will ensure there is a balance of ability levels. By grouping children vertically, they can become “experts” for their peers, nurturing thinking, problem-solving skills, vocabulary, and social skills.

All schools across Wales are in times of change with reduced budgets, fluctuating pupil admission numbers, and changing cohort sizes, influencing their class organisation. At Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan we have highly skilled and experienced teachers and support staff across all campuses who will ensure high quality learning and teaching, and social and emotional development is a priority. Every child will be at the heart of our school as we begin our learning journey together.

The Curriculum for Wales is designed to be inclusive for all learners aged 3 to 16 and benefits the mixed-age approach ensuring consistency across settings and schools. It provides guidelines for developing curriculum expectations around assessment arrangements and it will allow for a broader range of teaching approaches. Cooperative learning between older and younger children, will place fewer limits based on assumed ability, and the teachers will plan flexibly towards individual needs, enhancing the learning experience for all your children.

The curriculum will ensure a smooth transition for all learners from early childhood settings to school environments and beyond, supporting their progress in learning. We will ensure that effective planning and teacher expertise will maximise the benefits of mixed-age classes within the context of the Curriculum for Wales.

There will be three classes at Cradoc Primary Campus, three classes at Mount Street Infant Campus and five classes at Mount Street Junior Campus. We will ensure that all children have friendship groups in their new class. We will also continue with the Specialist Centre provision for both the infant and junior campuses at the present time, which is funded by Powys County Council.

We will continue the high standards and educational experiences across the campuses and we will enhance the learning and support your child/ren as they continue on their journey at Ysgol Golwg Pen y Fan.

We are delighted to welcome staff from the current schools into roles across the campuses and new staff to the school. Miss Niamh Mills will join the Junior Campus and she brings a passion for education and supporting learners with social and emotional needs.

Teaching Staff – Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan

Mrs S Court – Headteacher based across all campuses across the week

Ms B Roberts – Deputy Headteacher (ALNCO) based across all campuses across the week

Assistant Headteacher (AHT)

Cradoc Primary Campus

Teachers

Year R/1/2 Mrs J Godfrey
Year 3 /4 Mrs L Jennings
Year 4/5/6 Miss E Johnson (AHT)

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs S Puddy

Support Staff

Mrs J Vamplew – Clerical/administrative
Mrs H Wood - TA
Mrs T Wood - TA (Three days)
Mrs K Gage -Thomas – TA
Mrs S Puddy - TA
Mrs L Pyle – Forest School Leader

Cradoc Primary Campus

Middy Staff

Mrs Julie Jones – Catering Staff
Ms Ishtar Olivera – Catering staff

Middy Supervisors

Mrs H Wood
Mrs T Wood
Mrs K Gage-Thomas
Mrs S Puddy

Mount Street Infant Campus

Teachers

Year R/1 Ms J O'Shea/ Mrs V Holloway
Year 1/2 Mrs S Jenkinson
Year 1/2 Mrs L Hyde

Specialist Centre

Mrs C Hutch – Teacher
Mrs P Hamilton – TA

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Miss S Richards (One day)

Support Staff

Mrs K Davies – Clerical/administrative
Mrs A Morgan - TA
Mrs R Day-Jones – TA (Two days)
Miss T Rana - TA
Mrs D Marshman - TA
Miss S Richards – TA
Miss C Lloyd – TA
Mrs R Baksh - TA

Mount Street Infant Campus

Middy Staff

Mrs D Bevan – Catering Staff
Mrs S Goktas – Catering Staff

Middy Supervisors

Mrs A Morgan
Mrs R Day-Jones (Two days)
Miss T Rana
Mrs D Marshman
Miss S Richards
Miss C Lloyd
Miss E Stephens
Mrs R Baksh

Mount Street Junior Campus

Teachers

Year 3 / 4 Mrs A Morley (To be appointed – maternity cover)
Year 3 / 4 Mrs K Price/Mrs A Waghorn (AHT)
Year 4 / 5 Mrs H Baldwin/Mrs A Waghorn (AHT)
Year 5 / 6 Miss N Mills
Year 5 / 6 Miss N Matthews/Miss K Price

Specialist Centre

Mrs Amanda Davies/Mrs Gaynor Evans – Teachers
Mrs S Evans - TA

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Miss Rebecca Willis (Three days)

Support Staff

Miss H Griffiths – clerical/administrative
Mrs A Thomas – TA
Mrs P Gurung – TA
Miss L Wilkinson – TA
Mrs M Price -TA
Miss R Willis – TA (Two days)
Mrs T Wood (Two days)

Midday Staff

Mrs W Jones – Catering Staff
Mrs C Crawford Plane – Catering Staff
Mrs R Limbu – Catering Staff
Mrs D Bevan – Catering Staff
Mrs S Goktas – Catering Staff

Midday Supervisors

Mrs P Gurung
Miss L Wilkinson
Miss R Willis
Mrs C Waldron
Mrs T Wood (Two days)
To be appointed

Pre-School Setting

Cradoc Primary Campus

3@Cradoc

Mrs R Davies – Setting Leader
Mrs E Lloyd – Setting Assistant

Mount Street Infant Campus

Smarties

To be appointed – Pre-School Setting Leader
Miss E Stephens – Assistant Leader
Mrs K Griffiths – Assistant

Wrap Around Care

Cradoc Primary Campus

Cool Kids @ Cradoc – Breakfast and After School Club and Holiday Club
Person in charge – Janet Owen

Mount Street Infant and Junior Campus

Breakfast Clubs

Mount Street Infant Campus

Miss E Stephens – Lead
Miss C Lloyd – Assistant
Mrs R Baksh – Assistant

Mount Street Junior Campus

Mrs D Marshman – Lead
Mrs W Jones - Assistant

Wrap Around Care

Mount Street Infant and Junior Campus

After School Clubs

Miss S Richards – Lead
Miss E Stephens – Assistant
Mrs D Marshman – Assistant
Miss H Griffiths – Assistant
Mrs W Jones – Assistant
To be appointed – Assistant

During the last few weeks the staff have had the opportunity to visit each campus and work together and we are confident that this will provide continuity and stability for all your children. We will continue to provide opportunities for your children to get to know staff during this transition period.

We understand that changes during an amalgamation and with staffing can be challenging but we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. Our primary focus remains on providing a high-quality education, and ensuring the well-being needs of your children are met.

We will hold a session with an opportunity for you to discuss these changes and answer any questions that you may have at drop-in sessions in the autumn term. We would encourage you to attend and share your thoughts and meet the leadership team and governors.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Should you have any immediate concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by the school office email above. We look forward to seeing you all in September in the new term.

Yours Sincerely

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Sarah Court

Headteacher Designate

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J Williams

Jess Williams

Chair of temporary governing body