

Bryn Awel Primary School

Nursery Brochure 2024-2025



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Your right to go to school

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Your right to become the best you can be



The Head Teacher's Welcome

Mrs. C. Davies

Your child will soon become a pupil at Bryn Awel Primary School and we would like to welcome you as a family. Bryn Awel Primary School is at the heart of the community and we value the partnership we have with parents.

This first step into education must be handled with great care to ensure that your child sees school as a secure, happy and exciting place to be. As a school we look forward to sharing this period of your child's life with you.

A child's attitude to learning will be established by the amount of pleasure and success they achieve during their first years at school. We must be aware of the importance of Early Years' education and give each child sufficient time, support and opportunity to ensure that they reach their full potential.

The staff look forward to working in partnership with you, throughout your child's time at Bryn Awel Primary School.



Nursery Staff



Mrs Kelly Koz
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Heather Toogood
1:1 Teaching Assistant



Mrs Kara Watkins
Teaching Assistant



About our Nursery Class

Settling in

When you accept a place at Bryn Awel Primary School for your child's Nursery education we consider your involvement and support to be essential. Your encouragement will help your child to settle happily and confidently and to feel secure in the knowledge that school and home are working together.

The settling in process begins with the welcome meeting. This will give you the opportunity to meet the Head Teacher- Mrs. C Davies, Deputy Head Teacher- Mrs. N Tancock, Early Years staff and other parents. There will be the opportunity to see the facilities and ask questions.

You will be able to see the classroom space, the classroom environment can often change due to a change in topic, ratio of children and general decoration up keep of the school.

We ask you to complete all relevant Emergency Contact information and an All About Me booklet with personal details about your child.

The final element of the settling in process may involve admitting our new learners in small groups sometimes for a shortened length of time initially depending on learning needs. A Parent Consultation Evening takes place after your child starts to ensure that your child has settled well. However staff are available to talk to you should you have any concerns.

Nursery Provision

The Nursery children will be taught within an Early Years setting. This offers more space and quality resources with specially trained staff. Through careful planning and preparation staff provide the intellectual stimulation, physical and emotional care to provide young pupils with the best possible start to their education.

Play

Play is the key process of early learning alongside exploration and talk. Through this pupils become competent, confident and independent learners. Play is incorporated into all areas of learning, because without the opportunity to play with materials, environments and ideas children will not develop those crucial ways of thinking and knowing that emerge from uncertainty and problem solving.

Through play pupils learn to become artists, writers, mathematicians and scientists. Within our Bryn Awel Early Years Class, we extend children's play through challenging them with a wide variety of resources, questions and social opportunities. We must never underestimate the value of play.

Curriculum

Your child will learn through six areas of learning and experience, these are linked to a termly topic where children will experience opportunities to develop their literacy, numeracy and digital competence.

School Uniform

What a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning. It shows the school's ethos and shared positive values. All uniform can be ordered from CC Sports

Our uniform comprises of:

- A white polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt
- Grey / black trousers, skirt or pinafore



Nursery opening times:

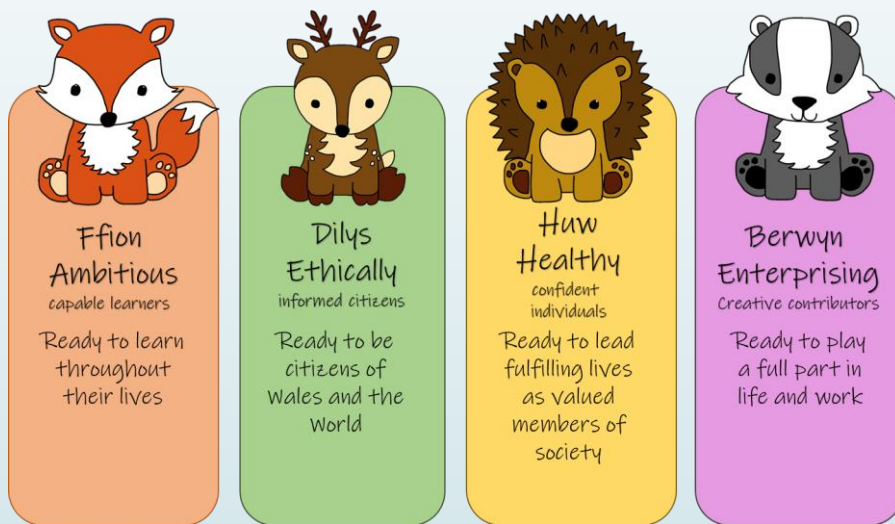
Morning: 9.00am-11.30am

Dropping of and Collecting your child

Please drop your child off at the Nursery / Reception gate at 8.55am which is located in the staff carpark area on the left of the school. Please collect your child from the same entrance at 11:30am. If there is any change to the person who regularly collects your child, please inform the class teacher. If you do not inform us, we will be unable to let your child leave the school premises until we have had appropriate confirmation.

The start of your child's education

The early stages of the Curriculum is a key part of your child's development. It is divided into six Areas of Learning and Experience with four purposes embedded. Our aim is to ensure that your child begins their journey of developing the four purposes. They will become familiar with the four Woodland Animals and identifying how they are learning as their education develops throughout the school



The six Areas of Learning and Experience are:

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Well-being
- Humanities
- Languages, Literacy and Communication
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science and Technology.

Nursery Assessment

Assessment is a continuous process that takes place in all aspects/ areas of Nursery life. Through ongoing assessment we hope to build a complete picture of your child's development, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

Welsh Government ask that we complete an assessment tool – The Foundation Phase Profile. This is a tool for Reception pupils, however as 'good practice' many schools including Bryn Awel Primary School are carrying this out with Nursery pupils.

From using this tool we are able to identify learner's needs and plan appropriate learning experiences for them in the different Areas of Learning and Experience. This is carried out by the class teacher as soon as your child begins school. Your child is then observed in a variety of different activities, progress will be tracked and you will receive feedback.

Parents will receive a written report at the end of their child's time in Nursery. Parents are invited to Parent Consultation evenings twice a year.

Assessment in Learning

Along side 'Summative' (formal) assessment, Bryn Awel Primary School uses Assessment in Learning. These are planned opportunities for your child to tell us and each other how successfully they have learned.

Lessons are introduced with W.I.L. (What I'm Learning) and W.I.L.F (What I'm Looking For). These are two strategies to introduce each activity. Your child will be encouraged to use traffic lights to rate their work. As they progress on their learning journey new strategies will be introduced.

Supporting your child

How can I help my child?

Some fun things can be introduced to your child before they start school. It will really benefit their experiences and ability to take part in and share opportunities.

Possible activities include:

- ☐ Nursery rhymes
- ☐ Sharing stories
- ☐ Drawing pictures
- ☐ Playing games
- ☐ Visiting places
- ☐ Singing songs
- ☐ Dressing up
- ☐ Growing things
- ☐ Making things
- ☐ Using lower case letters (Only capital letters for names)

Promoting Independence and confidence

Please help your child to become independent when they need to do the following:

- ☐ Cope in the toilet – proper use of the lavatory
- ☐ Washing hands
- ☐ Putting on coats and doing them up
- ☐ Putting on socks, shoes and wellies
- ☐ Taking turns and sharing
- ☐ Remembering their book bags daily
- ☐ Looking after possessions
- ☐ Handling books and toys properly
- ☐ Using cutlery
- ☐ Doing and undoing buttons and zips

Safety and Security

The health and safety of all our learners are paramount. To help ensure the safety of our very young children please adhere to the following:

- Always hand your child over to a member of staff before leaving
- If your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself, please inform the Nursery staff.
- Collect your child from the Nursery classroom outside the main entrance of the school. When entering or leaving the Early Years area please shut the gate.
- If you are late arriving in school please report to the Main Office
- If you are collecting your child early please report to the main office.

Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason, you will need to contact the school office on the first morning of absence by 9:30am. Please contact the school by phone call. The school operates a first response system. If no explanation is provided the school clerk will telephone home during the morning. All holidays are unauthorised as per the Caerphilly County Borough Council attendance policy

Naming your child's belongings

Naming all of your child's items of clothing is essential. We do keep lost property for a reasonable period of time, but it is very difficult to identify items that are not labelled. If your child has lost something then please check with staff.

Class Routines



Healthy snacks

As a school we promote healthy living and follow the Healthy Schools Initiative. All Nursery children have a healthy snack available to them. This is at a cost of £1.50 per week. There is a choice of apples or raisins. Milk is also offered as part of this snack which is provided by the school. If you wish for your child to bring their own drink to school, please make sure that it is water and clearly labelled.

Items from home

We would ask that children do not bring toys to school- these are easily broken or lost and the school cannot be held responsible for this. Children may be asked to bring in certain items for special occasions or show and tell -we will inform you of these times in advance.

Head Lice

Head lice can be a real problem in schools. Cases of head lice should be reported to the staff. Advice on treatment will be given and we will endeavor to keep you informed of any outbreaks.

Visits

At Bryn Awel Primary School we seek to enhance the learning of pupils through the use of day visits. Some of these visits may be local with no cost. However, there are times when the cost cannot be paid solely by the school. Parents will be requested for voluntary contributions in order for the activity to take place.

For local trips you will always be informed of the day but we will not seek your permission every time, instead we ask that you complete the permission form at the end of this brochure. Your permission will always be sought if transport is required and for trips further afield.

Illness and medication

Children returning to school after illness should be clearly fit to do so and free from infection. If your child has had sickness and or diarrhea your child must be kept at home for 48 hours from the last episode. If in doubt the school is happy to advise.

If your child needs medication during the day, you need to complete a medical form from the school office. *All asthma pumps and epi pens need to be kept in school in a clear plastic box, with a photograph of your child, labelled with clear doses marked.*

Please ensure the Medical Forms are accurately filled in and the school is kept informed of any changes.

Medical information

Disease	Incubation period	Period of absence from school
Chicken pox	About 14 days	Until spots scab over
Impetigo		Until treated
Hand/foot/ mouth	3-7 days	
Measles	10-14 days	Until blisters are gone
Rubella	14-21 days	14 days after rash appears
Mumps	14-21 days	7 days
Ringworm		Until treated
Scabies	2 weeks	Until treated
Slapped cheek	5-20 days	Rash starts to fade
COVID-19		Following Public Health Wales guidance on self-isolation.
Whooping cough	7-10 days	Up to 28 days

It is essential that you inform the office about these medical conditions so that we as a school can respond appropriately.

General Information



Website and Social media



Our website is: www.brynewel-primary.co.uk This is where you can view important school dates, class information and general enquires such as contact information, uniform and newsletters. You can also find important policies.

As a school we use social media to showcase our learners work and also provide quick information and reminders to parents. Class Dojo is our reward and communication system, you child will earn Dojos each day, they will also examples of their classwork for you to view at home. Additionally this is a system where you can message the class teacher and ask questions. You will be provided with login details when your child begins school.

Our school Twitter Account is [@bawelps](#), you will also be provided with the class teacher's Twitter account. We also have a Facebook account to provide additional messages to importance to you.

Accidents



If your child has an accident, he/she will be cared for by a qualified First Aider.

If a head injury occurs, parents will receive a telephone call from school. A short letter will be sent home saying your child received first aid today with a brief outline of the incident and a message on Class Dojo.

Contacts



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Governing Body

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