

Be Ready - Be Respectful - Be Kind

WELCOME BACK! BULLETIN



We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back in September and starting the year positively together. This bulletin includes a few key reminders to help every child feel ready, supported and well-prepared for a smooth return to school.

Attendance Matters

A strong start in September makes a real difference, and good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping your child make progress, feel settled, and develop a sense of belonging in school. We ask all families to prioritise attendance from the very first week, as patterns established early often shape the rest of the year. Our expectation is 95% attendance, and it is important to note that more than 19 days absent across the year means a child is classed as a persistent absentee and will require support, parent meetings and close monitoring. If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please report the absence as early as possible on the morning of the absence, as this helps us keep children safe and maintain accurate records.

Uniform

Our updated uniform for September is designed to support active learning, comfort and a strong sense of belonging for every pupil, and we appreciate families helping us maintain these standards. All uniform items must follow the official Ysgol Aberconwy guidelines; while specific core items require the school crest, all footwear (including black trainers or shoes) must be completely plain with no prominent or coloured logos. Pupils should follow expectations around piercings and unnatural hair colours. These expectations were shared with families at the end of the summer term, and we ask for everyone's support in ensuring pupils arrive ready to meet them. Full guidance and images are available on the school website: https://www.aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk/en_gb/school-uniform/ Families are encouraged to contact us in advance if there are any issues.

Equipment

Being properly equipped each day is a key part of being ready to learn, and it helps pupils avoid unnecessary issues in lessons. All pupils should bring a suitable bag and the basic equipment they need for school, including pens, pencils, a ruler and their Yondr pouch, with additional items such as highlighters or glue sticks being helpful but optional. For Mathematics, we strongly recommend the Casio Scientific Fx-83GT CW+ calculator, which supports all curriculum requirements and can be purchased from our Maths department at a lower cost than most retail outlets. Arriving prepared supports calm, focused learning and ensures pupils can make the most of every lesson.

Punctuality

Punctuality is essential for learning, and while the vast majority of pupils arrive to lessons and morning registration on time every day, a small number are regularly late. This disrupts learning, affects routines, and means pupils miss important information at the start of the day. From September, we will act quickly when we see patterns of lateness emerging, and parents will be involved in these conversations so that we can work together to put support in place. We appreciate families reinforcing the importance of being ready, organised and on time each morning.

A warm welcome to our new Year 7 pupils!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils next week, especially after such a positive and successful transition week in July. It's completely normal for children to feel a mixture of excitement and anxiety as they begin this new stage in their education, and we want them to know that we are here to support them throughout their transition. Keeping communication open is key, and we encourage pupils and families to share any worries early so that we can address them quickly and prevent small concerns from becoming bigger ones. All Year 7 pupils should go directly to the school hall on their first day, Thursday 3rd September, where staff will be ready to greet them. They will also receive their Glan Llyn letter on the first day. We are committed to making sure that every child feels ready, supported and confident as they begin their journey with us. The Welcome Evening on September 15th is a great opportunity for families to catch up with key staff.

STAFF

Your child's form tutors are always the first point of contact for day-to-day questions, concerns or updates. They see pupils every morning, know them well, and play a key role in supporting their wellbeing, organisation and readiness for learning. If families have any worries or information they need to share, contacting the form tutor first helps us respond quickly and ensures the right staff are involved from the start.

Alongside form tutors, each year group has a dedicated Year Team who oversee pastoral support, attendance, behaviour and communication with families. These staff work closely with pupils throughout the year and are available to help with any issues that may need additional guidance or intervention. Introducing the Year Teams below will help families know exactly who to contact and how we work together to support every child.

Parents can email reception@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk or phone the school should they wish to contact any member of staff. Please note that staff will respond as soon as they are able to, but teaching and supervision commitments during the school day mean that replies may sometimes take a little time.

Year	Head of Year	Year Mentor
7	Miss R. Hughes	Miss H. Roberts
8	Mrs J. Ohlsson	Mrs E. Richardson - McIlveen
9	Miss C. Freeman	Mr D. Richardson
10	Mr D. Jolliffe	Mrs M. Brown
11	Miss K. Youlden	Mrs Ff. Pheasey

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we want every child to know they can speak to any trusted adult in school if they ever feel worried, unsafe or unsure about something. If parents or carers have concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, they can contact the safeguarding team directly at beth.young@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk or medwen.brookes@aberconwy.conwy.sch.uk. As we begin the new year, we encourage families to keep communication open, remind children that help is always available, and let us know early if something doesn't feel right so we can support them quickly and effectively.