



New Nursery Starter Pack 2021

Ysgol Terrig's Nursery Class

Beginning school is a major event in the life of a three and a four year old and it won't be long before your child will be starting with us at Ysgol Terrig. There will be lots of new things to learn and of course you will want to ensure that your child is well prepared for this important event. We aim to make it a happy and memorable experience. We hope that this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your child settle quickly into school. The Nursery class teacher is Mrs Davies and Teaching Assistant is Auntie Trudy.



General Information

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Meet the Staff



Mrs Connah
Headteacher



Mrs Smith
Secretary



Mrs Davies
Teacher



Auntie Trudy
Teaching Assistant

Learning at Home

We recognise the importance of parents and carers in a child's developing stages. As a primary care provider, you are your child's first educators, and we greatly value any input, opinions, and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress.

To facilitate this, we provide every child with a 'Homework Book' within the first half-term. This book is a tool for you, your family, and your child to work together. We encourage you to discuss and complete the tasks set together. Tasks will relate to work being carried out in school, giving your child opportunities to further practise their speaking, and listening skills, phonics, and mathematics. This will be given out every Thursday and is expected to return to school every Monday.

To support this, we also use Seesaw. Seesaw is a family friendly app that helps us as a school track and assess your child's development as well as a way for you to see what your child has been learning. For further information and tutorials on how to use Seesaw, please visit our school website.

We provide many other opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their children's education. These include:

- Sports events
- Regular newsletters and text messages
- Class web pages and social media pages updated regularly with news, topic webs and photos

Most importantly our family ethos is central to our school and as such, we operate an 'Open-Door Policy' where parents are encouraged to meet with staff to discuss any concerns at the earliest opportunity. Phone calls to the school office are most welcome, where Mrs Smith will offer her assistance, or will arrange an appointment with members of staff, if requested.

Learning at Home

It will make starting school much easier and happier if they are independent and can do many things for themselves.

What should he/she be able to do?

Can he/she ...

- Dress and undress themselves?
- Use the toilet independently and ask to go there?
 - Tidy up after himself/herself?
- Recognise their name? Please tell your child's teacher if their name is abbreviated in any way.
- Feed himself/herself?
- Share toys and equipment?
- Handle a pencil?
- Sing some nursery rhymes?
- Practise counting to 10?
- Listen well and follow simple instructions?

How can I help my child prepare for school?

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible even if it takes longer for them to get ready.
- Get them used to a routine of reasonably early to bed and up early enough for you and your child to have a stress-free time to get ready for school.
- Never threaten them with school! Be positive. Show it to them as an enjoyable experience.

What can I do with my child before they start school?

- Give your child as many varied experiences as possible: drawing, painting, cooking, singing, making models, playing games, jigsaws, etc.
- Get them used to: pencils, crayons, felt pens, chalks, paints, play dough, scissors.
 - Share stories, books and rhymes. Read to them.
 - Count everything and share things out.

- Use lots of one-to-one correspondence – cup, plate, knife, fork, and spoon for each person.
- Talk to them all the time. Name familiar things and discuss what they see around them and what things are for. Talk about what they see when they are out and about. Watch people work and discuss what they are doing.

How can I support my child with the Welsh language?

- Download Welsh apps (find a list on the Nursery class page on the school's website)
- Listen to Welsh songs (Caru canu – Youtube)
- Listen to Welsh stories (Youtube)

If learning Welsh is an interest of yours as a parent, download the Duolingo app and have a go. Otherwise, have a look for your nearest Welsh lessons group.



The Nursery Day

A typical morning Nursery session is timetabled as below.

8:50 am – Settling in class, self-registration and choosing a job in the areas.

9:00 am – Registration and calendar

9:10 am – Phonics and reading

9:30 am – Math and language activities/ free flow activities

10:00 am – Snack time

10:15 am – Numeracy activities

10:45 am – Topic activities

11:10 am – Story and song time

11:30 am – Home time



Morning Procedures

Children are brought into school via the main entrance. The children will meet Mrs Davies on the school yard at **8:50**, where they will then be taken through the main entrance to wash their hands and use the toilet. The children will then be taken down to class to begin their day. If your child is late, please head to the main entrance and ring the bell.

Collecting your child

At the end of the school day your child will be brought out through the main entrance. We ask that parents/ carers wait on the path outside and not on top of the steps. It is vital that you inform us if someone different is collecting your child. If we are unsure, we will keep hold of your child until we are able to contact you. If your child is going to Meithrin +, you will collect your child from from the green gate to the left of the main entrance. This is the Cylch's entrance.

First Day at School

- Arrive on time
- Leave cheerfully
- Ensure your child knows you will be back to collect them at the end of the day, this will help settle your child
- Hold your child's hand rather than carrying them
- If your child is upset or isn't wanting to let go, Mrs Davies will come and help. First day tears are common, and we will ensure your child is happy and settle throughout their morning.

School Dinners and Snack Time

Anna and Karen (our school's cooks) prepare hot meals for us every day in our school kitchen. A menu is sent out to parents at the beginning of the year however can also be found online on the Newydd Catering website.

School dinners are £2.30, Nursery children are welcome to stay for dinner in Cylch. This session will cost more unless you are claiming your 30 hours free childcare. To pay for school dinners, trips, and any other various things you will

need to download the schoolcoms app. You will be invited to download this app by the Mrs Smith in September once your child is registered with us.

We ask that your child brings in a piece of fresh fruit for snack time, we do encourage children to try a range of healthy foods as part of the curriculum so please be sure to let us know if your child has an allergy to any food stuffs.

Children are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water with their name on it. As we must meet food standards for schools this must be WATER and NOT juice or flavoured water. The bottles are kept in the classroom and the children always have access to them. The bottle will be returned to you each day for washing and refilling.

Uniform and P.E kit

All our uniform can be purchased online from Monkhouse
<https://www.monkhouse.com/c/1186/Terrig>

Our uniform is:

Navy blue jumper
Yellow polo shirt
Grey skirt/ trousers/ shorts
Black shoes

Our P.E kit is:

Navy shirt with school logo or a white t-shirt
Black shorts
Trainers

Forest School:

Old warm clothing – school will provide suits and wellingtons

The children's P.E lessons are held outside due to current circumstances.
Please do not use the black pumps as they are slippery and tend to fall off.
Trainers are much safer.

Please label every item of clothing and equipment your child brings to school.
If things go missing, we will not be able to find it if it hasn't been labelled.

Learning through play in the Early Years Foundation Phase

At Ysgol Terrig whilst children are involved in self-directed learning they move freely between indoor and outdoor areas using the resources which best meet their needs. The aim of both indoor and outdoor play is to provide a stimulating environment for children's learning in all areas of the Early Years curriculum. Outdoor play is essential for all aspects of a child's development. As with indoor learning, the outdoor classroom can provide children with experiences which enable them to develop in the six learning areas.



The provision and planning for indoor and outdoor play, must reflect the range of experiences and develop interests of the children. The adults in the learning environment are actively involved with children in their games and activities where appropriate and are not solely in a supervisory role. Our Nursery room is where the Nursery are taught. We have a carpet area where the children access whole class teaching and focussed group work. We also have continuous provision areas for the children to access in free choice time. The areas include: a writing area, a creative area, a water or sand area, a fine motor area, a role play area, a construction area, a malleable area, a reading area, and a reflection area. The areas are all planned for individually each week. We plan exciting and engaged activities for the children to do.

Illness and Absence

If your child is unwell and absent from school, please phone as soon as possible after 8.30 am on the first day of absence to let us know and to keep us up to date with progress if the illness runs over more than one day. Children who have infectious conditions should not come to school until a doctor has certified them fit and those with sickness or diarrhoea bugs should not return to school until 48 hours after the last 'incident'.

In the event of your child being unwell at school, we will contact you so that you can take him/her home, so please make sure that we always have up to date telephone numbers for you and for any emergency contact you choose to nominate.

Head lice: Please be aware that ALL schools have problems with head lice from time to time, so if your child succumbs, it is no reflection on you or your child's cleanliness. If nits are spotted, we will telephone you to give you the opportunity to collect your child and commence immediate treatment. This is all done very discretely, and the children will be completely unaware of any problem.

If your child has medical needs, you will be asked to complete a Health Care Plan to give us the information we require to provide the best possible care.

In school, we can administer prescribed medication such as antibiotics – where the dose is four times a day – and inhalers. You will need to complete a form each time medicines are brought into school, and this should be handed to an adult, along with the medicine. Please do not put medicines in your child's bag.

Please be aware that we do not administer medicine such as Calpol or Ibuprofen. If your child requires these, then please consider whether he/she really is fit enough to be in school.

Extra Support

We recognise that children have diverse learning styles and needs. We plan opportunities to build on and extend children's knowledge, experiences, interest, and skills. We use a wide range of teaching strategies based on children's learning needs and provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

Some children may be identified as having additional learning needs. These children need extra help if they can develop their full potential and gain full access to the early years' curriculum. If this is the case, you will be supported by our school ALNCo.

If you have any other questions that are not covered in this prospectus you are welcome to contact school and speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for taking the time to read our prospectus.

Please have a look at our website for any other information.

<https://www.ysgolterrig.org.uk/>

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child. We hope you and your family enjoy your time at Ysgol Terrig.

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