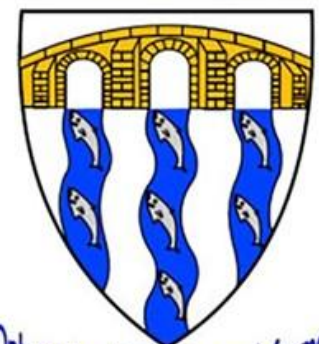


Litchard News
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Newsletter 3
19th September
2025

Litchard Primary School



Only my best is good enough for me

What a Week!

It has been another wonderful week at Litchard Primary School, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of pride in our pupils' achievements. Across all year groups, children have continued to work incredibly hard, showing great focus, creativity, and resilience in everything they do. Whether they are tackling new learning in the classroom, engaging in group activities, or enjoying outdoor play, their commitment to doing their best is truly wonderful to see.

As we move further into the autumn term, we kindly remind parents and carers to ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for the changing weather. Warm layers, waterproof coats, and sensible footwear help keep pupils comfortable and ready to participate fully in all aspects of the school day.

We have added key dates to the calendar section of the newsletter to help families stay informed about upcoming events and activities. In addition, links to the feedback video from our recent Meet the Teacher event have been embedded for those who were unable to attend or would like to revisit the information shared.

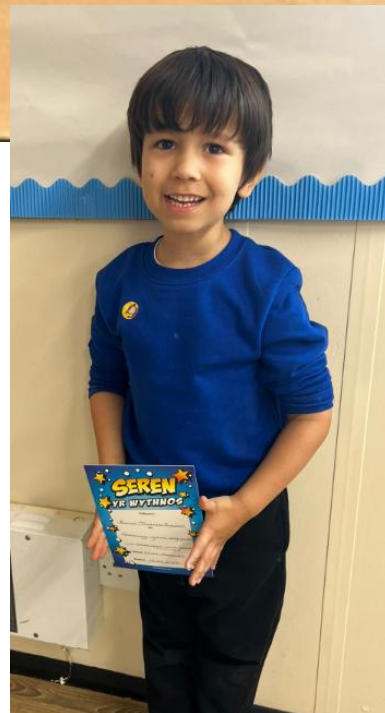
Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are helping every child thrive.

Warm regards,
The Litchard Team

Seren Yr Wythnos...

Nursery - Phoenix & Leo	RGD - Rosie
RT - Tomos	1H - Izzy
1M - Amy	2D - Aarvika
2CS - Nena	3T - Joshua
3W - Sophie	4F - Ffion
4NE - Ben	5H1 - Evie
5H2 - Lowri	6H - Maxen
6M - Olivia	Seren (TM) - Scarlett
Enfys - Kairo	

Seren Yr Wythnos...



We are a clever bunch !!

We celebrate the achievements of our children from outside school. All we ask is they have to bring a medal, a belt, a certificate, a trophy or something that highlights their achievements. These are not school successes.

Carys	Rugby Festival	Zach	Swimming
Max	Rugby Tots	Jake	Swimming
Elin	10km run	Luca	Swimming Level 2
Evelyn	Swimming 100m	Lucy	Dance
Ben	Level 5 Golf		



Meet the Teacher Feedback
Click the picture to see the video

Meet the Teacher
Feedback
September 2025.



Litchard Primary School



Meet the Teacher Feedback

Litchard Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Lliardiard

Headteacher/Pennaeth : Mr C N. Jones



16/9/2025

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Meet the Teacher evening. We are delighted to share that the event was successful. Your engagement and support are truly appreciated and play a vital role in building strong home-school partnerships.

A video summarising the feedback has been placed on class dojo and a link to it can also be found here: [CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO](#)

Feedback from the evening was overwhelmingly positive. Most parents told us they found the sessions informative, well-structured, and helpful in understanding classroom routines, expectations for the year, and how to support learning at home. Many also valued the opportunity to meet both teaching and support staff, helping to foster a sense of community and trust.

We were pleased to hear that the staggered appointment system worked well for many families, offering flexibility for those with work commitments or children in multiple year groups. The handouts, classroom visits, and topic overviews were also praised for their clarity and usefulness.

A few parents kindly shared suggestions for improvement, which we are taking on board for future events.

These included:

General improvement comments made	School Response
Scheduling flexibility: Parents suggested staggering sessions across different days and offering later time slots to better accommodate working families and those with multiple children.	The school staggers the appointments over the week to ensure families have the opportunity to attend multiple sessions if required. The school recently changed to this model and will consider the points made when planning next year's sessions.
Session clarity and content: Some parents requested clearer directions on where to go, less time on general school policies, and more focus on curriculum plans and learning strategies.	The school will provide clearer directions and a post on Dojo will be shared next year to ensure better clarity on where each event is taking place. The school will review the presentation content but it is important that key whole school

	messages are shared at the start of the academic year.
Additional information: Suggestions included sharing details about extracurricular activities, after-school clubs, and opportunities for earlier discussions about pupil progress.	The school will review the presentation content to look at including more information on sport and extracurricular clubs. This is a welcome meeting to introduce you to your child's new teacher and routines. It was always advertised as this. The initial parents evening will be in October whereby an initial discussion around pupil progress and how they have settled can take place. The school offers an open-door policy. If you wish to discuss your child with their class teacher please contact the office.

As you know, your feedback from last years events enabled the change to the staggered approach this year.

Cofion Cynnes,

Headteacher/Prifathro

FOLPS

Friends of Litchard Primary School

Halloween Costume Collection

DONATIONS WELCOME BETWEEN WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AND WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER.

Please leave any donations in the box provided in the main school entrance.

Re-home your pre-loved halloween or pumpkin picking clothes

LITTLE SWAP OF HORRORS PRE-LOVED COSTUME SALE
FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER -
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FOLPS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our PTA also known as FoLPS is always looking for ways to enhance school events and provide valuable experiences for our children. If you or someone you know owns a business, or even if you don't own a business, you can still make a big impact!

If you would be interested in supporting our PTA through donations or sponsorship, we'd love to hear from you!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Whole School Attendance

Week	Class Champion	Attendance
Week 1	TM	97.7%
Week 2	2CS	99.3%
Week 3		
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		
Week 8		
Week 9		
Week 10		
Week 11		
Week 12		
Week 13		
Week 14		

Each week we give out DYLAN the DRAGON to the class that has the highest attendance . Here are the winning classes and their attendance for the week.

LLONGYFARCHIADAU
DOSBARTH 2CS
99.3% this week

Whole School Attendance

	Weekly Attendance	Running attendance from start of year
Week 1	94.7	94.7
Week 2	93.6	94.1
Week 3		
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		
Week 9		
Week 9		
Week 10		

The table below will show two things relating to our school attendance. The weekly attendance will show attendance for the Week and the running attendance will show the school's attendance from September. If they are coloured RED (below 93.5% our target)
GREEN (Above 93.5% - our target)

Llongyfarchiadau!
 This week we are above the Whole School Target at 93.5%. Its been the best week since Christmas!!!!
 Unfortunately our running total since September is just below!
 Lets see if we can get back above it by Easter!

Class Dojo Champions!

Every day children get Dojo points for doing wonderful things. From excellent behaviour, fantastic work, being a good friend to showing wonderful manners - and for a lot more! At the end of each term the class who gets the most Dojo's will get a special treat! Here are our weekly winners!

Week	Class Champions
Week 1	50H
Week 2	TM - Dosbarth Seren
Week 3	RGD
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	
Week 11	
Week 12	

LLONGYFARCHIADAU RGD

Key Dates!

Autumn Term 2025 - 1st Half term

Thursday 2nd October - Y6 URDD Football @ Treforest

Monday 6th October - Personalised Assessment Window Opens

Thursday 9th October - Y5 Trip to Cardiff Castle

Friday 10th October - School Closed - INSET DAY

Monday 13th October - Y5/5 Visit from the UK Parliament Education Team

Week Beginning 13th October - No After School Clubs

Friday 17th October - Keith Grice Rugby Tournament

Friday 17th October - Netball Tournament @ Litchard

Week Beginning 20th October - No After School Clubs

Tuesday 21st October - 2pm - 3pm FOLPS Nursery and Reception Disco

Tuesday 21st October - 3:15 - 4:15pm FOLPS Year 1, 2, & 3 Disco

Wednesday 22nd October - 3:15 - 4:15pm - Year 4,5 and 6 Disco

Wednesday 22nd October - Bumbles of Honeywood Workshop Y6

Thursday 23rd October - Brynteg Open Evening for Y5 and Y6 time - TBC

Friday 24th October - End of Half Term

Key Dates!

Autumn Term 2025 – 2nd Half Term

Monday 3rd November – School restarts

Week Beginning 3rd November – No After School Clubs

Tuesday 4th November – Flu Nasal Sprays – Reception -> Y6

Friday 21st November – Global Voice Committee – COP Cymru in Cardiff

Saturday 29th November – FOLPS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 5th December – FOLPS Mugs and Hugs event

Monday 15th – Friday 19th December – Y6 Swimming to Ynysawdre Pool

End of Term Friday 19th December

Christmas at Litchard!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Monday 1st December – Y1 Christmas Concert @2pm

Tuesday 2nd December – Y2 Christmas Market @2pm

Wednesday 3rd December – Y3 Christmas Concert @5pm

Thursday 4th December – Y3 Christmas Concert @ 2pm

Monday 8th December – Y4 Christmas Market @ 2pm

Tuesday 9th December – Y5 Christmas Concert @2pm

Wednesday 10th December – Y5 Christmas Concert @ 5pm

Thursday 11th December – Y6 Christmas Market

Tuesday 16th December – Nursery Nativity @9:30am

Wednesday 17th December – Reception Nativity @ 9:30am



Key Dates!

Spring Term 2026

Monday 6th January - School Closed - INSET DAY

Friday 13th February - End of Spring Half Term 1

Monday 23rd February - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 27th February - School Eisteddfod

Friday 27th March - End of Spring Term

Key Dates!

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 22nd May - End of Half Term

Monday 1st to 26th June - National Test Window (Summer Term)

Monday 15th June (1:30pm) - Sports Day (Nursery and Reception)

Tuesday 16th Jun (9:30am) - Sports Day (Year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 16th Jun (10:45am) - Sports Day (Year 3)

Tuesday 16th Jun (1:30pm) - Sports Day (Year 4, 5, 6)

Thursday 25th June - Brynteg Transition Day (School Moving Up morning pencilled in!)

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th July - Y6 Llangrannog

Wednesday 15th July - Leavers Assembly @ 2pm

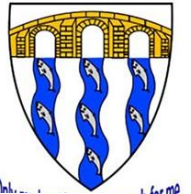
Thursday 16th July - Y6 Pizza Afternoon

Friday 17th July - End of Term for Pupils

Monday 20th July INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

21st Jul to 31st Aug - Summer Holidays (6 Weeks)

1st Sept 2026 (Tue) - INSET Day (Return to school 2nd Sept)



School Menu

PRIMARY MENU

WEEK 1 MONDAY

Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers *
Or Broccoli & Tomato Pasta
Herby Diced Potatoes
Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad
Raspberry Peach Swirl Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY

Beef Bolognaise *
Or Falafel Burger
Pasta or Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey & Stuffing in rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable & Lentil Shepherds Pie
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Green Cabbage, Carrots & Diced Swede
Jelly with Strawberry Swirl

THURSDAY

Meatballs in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable Sausage
Creamed or Boiled Potatoes
Carrots, Garden Peas, Broccoli, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Fish Fillet *
Or Spinach and Chickpea Curry
Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad
Mandarin topped Sponge Slice

WEEK 2 MONDAY

Mini Omelette with Pork Sausage *
Or Sweet & Sour Vegetables
Potato Wedges or Vegetable Rice
Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Salad
Eve's Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY

Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers *
Or Vegetable Plant Ball in Tomato Sauce
Pasta or Diced Potatoes/Boiled Potatoes
Broccoli, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork & Apple Sauce in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable Sausage
Creamed or Boiled Potatoes
Green Beans, Swede & Broccoli
Tropical Rice Pudding

THURSDAY

Chicken Fillet in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable & Bean Casserole
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Carrots, Cabbage, Country Vegetables, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Cheese and Tomato Pizza *
Or Quorn Dippers

WEEK 3 MONDAY

Breaded Fish Goujons *
Or Mushroom and Leek Bake
Jacket Potato or Sauté Potatoes
Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad
Toffee Apple Brownies with Fruit Slices

TUESDAY

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce *
Or Southern Style Vegetable Burger
Pasta or Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef with Rich Gravy *
Or Garden Vegetable Pie
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Baton Carrots, Cabbage, Swede
Artic Roll and fruit Wedges

THURSDAY

Pork Frikadellors *
Or Quorn Fillet
Creamed Potatoes or Boiled Potatoes
Baked Beans, Carrots, Garden Peas
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Chicken Tikka/Korma *
Or Vegetarian Hot Dogs
Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes
Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad
Strawberry Delight Crunch

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					27	28

Week 1
Week
Beginning
22nd Sept

Also served daily:
Fresh Fruit, Wholemeal Bread, Yoghurt, Semi-Skimmed Milk, Water
Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control it may be necessary to change or replace some menu items or ingredients.
Please note our menu/food may contain allergens. We are able to provide allergen information on request or please visit the Bridgend CSC website for more information.
* NURSERY PUPILS

A reminder to parents and carers

At the school gates



No bad
language



No smoking
or vaping



Respectful
behaviour

BREAKFAST CLUB



Opens at 8:15am
Doors close at
8:30am

Please get
a form
from the
office if
you want
your child
to attend.

Reception
to Year 6
only

A reminder to our school community

Around our school



*Please Park sensibly.
Let's keep our school
community safe.*



PLEASE CAN ALL
FAMILIES SUPPORT
THE SCHOOL AND
NOT SEND THEIR
CHILDREN INTO
SCHOOL WEARING
CROCS OR FLIP FLOPS

THEY ARE
DANGEROUS WHEN
RUNNING AROUND
AND COULD LEAD TO
ACCIDENTS



SAFEGUARDING at Litchard

Safeguarding at Litchard Primary School

The Safeguarding leads from September 2025 are

Mr C. Jones, Mr Richards, Mr. J Slade and, Mrs K. Trahar

If you are concerned about any child please come and speak with anyone of the above named people or ring on 01656 815680.

If you feel a child is at immediate risk of harm or danger ring:

01656 642320 - MASH

01443 743665 - Out of Hours Emergency Number

If a child makes an allegation of a child protection nature or staff have serious safeguarding concerns we have a legal duty to report it. There is a process which we have to follow and although this maybe upsetting for all involved the process is there to protect all children and or adults. Once a referral has been made it may result in a strategy meeting between multi-agency professionals (STRAT.) Depending on the nature of the concerns the outcomes of the STRAT could result in involvement by:

- Children's services
- Police
- Early help and
- other support services

If you or someone you know is struggling please let us know. We are here to help and support you. Follow the link below for more information.

Safeguarding at Litchard Primary School

Please speak directly to a Designated Safeguarding Person if you have concerns about the wellbeing of any of our pupils.



Mr C. Jones

Safeguarding Lead



Mr D. Richards

Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mr J. Slade

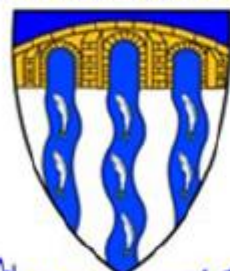
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs K. Trahar

Deputy Safeguarding
Lead

Litchard Primary School



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Mr T. Esmond

Governor Safeguarding officer

Procedure Prompt:



- Safeguarding concern arises from information which indicates that a child has or may have been affected by:
 - behaviour that may have caused risk or harm
 - been exposed to criminal activities that could or have caused harm to child(ren).

- Explain to the child that you will share this information with a senior member of staff in order to help them.
- Listen carefully to and take seriously what the child is saying
- Reassure the child who has made the disclosure to you and say that they have done the right thing and assure them that you believe them.
- Give the child time to talk, but do not probe or ask leading questions. Investigation is not your responsibility - Remember TED (Tell, Explain, Describe what has happened).
- Do not promise to keep secrets. All allegations of harm or potential harm must be acted upon.
- Record what has been said as soon as possible after the conversation and ensure that a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is notified immediately.
- Do not confront the person subject to the allegation and do not delay in recording and reporting.

- As soon as you can ensure you have completed a written account of the disclosure.
- If you are noting bruising or marks, be sure to include the size, quantity and colour of the bruising or marks.
- This information should be shared with your DSP or Senior Leadership Team (SLT) if DSL not available.

- The DSL (or SLT) will proceed with the matter and should inform you of any appropriate next steps.
- All referrals should be shared with both MASH and the Vulnerable Groups Team.
- If you do not hear from the DSP within 24 hours, please make contact with them.

Should you have concerns about the conduct of a member of school staff please speak to the DSP. If the concern is regarding DSP, then please contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Tony Esmond.

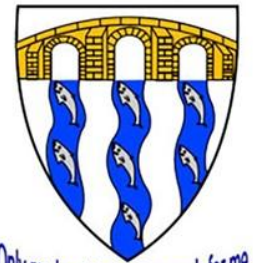
Children's Services Assessment team (MASH)

Tel: 01656 642320

Email: Mashcentra@bridgend.gov.uk

Healthy Lunches

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Click on the image above to see the Welsh Government Advice on Healthy Lunchboxes.

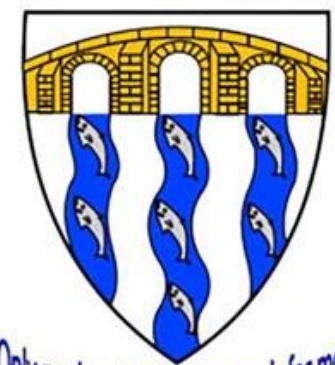
Please contact the office if your child is unwell.
Please ring 01656 815680 on the first day of absence if your
child is unwell.

You can also email admin@litchardps.bridgend.cymru to report
an absence.

Or the new method is you can reply to any Teachers2Parent
message saying your child is absent.
Please only message to report absences.



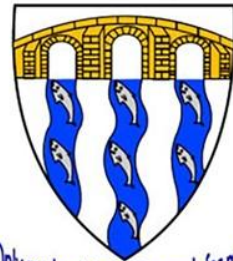
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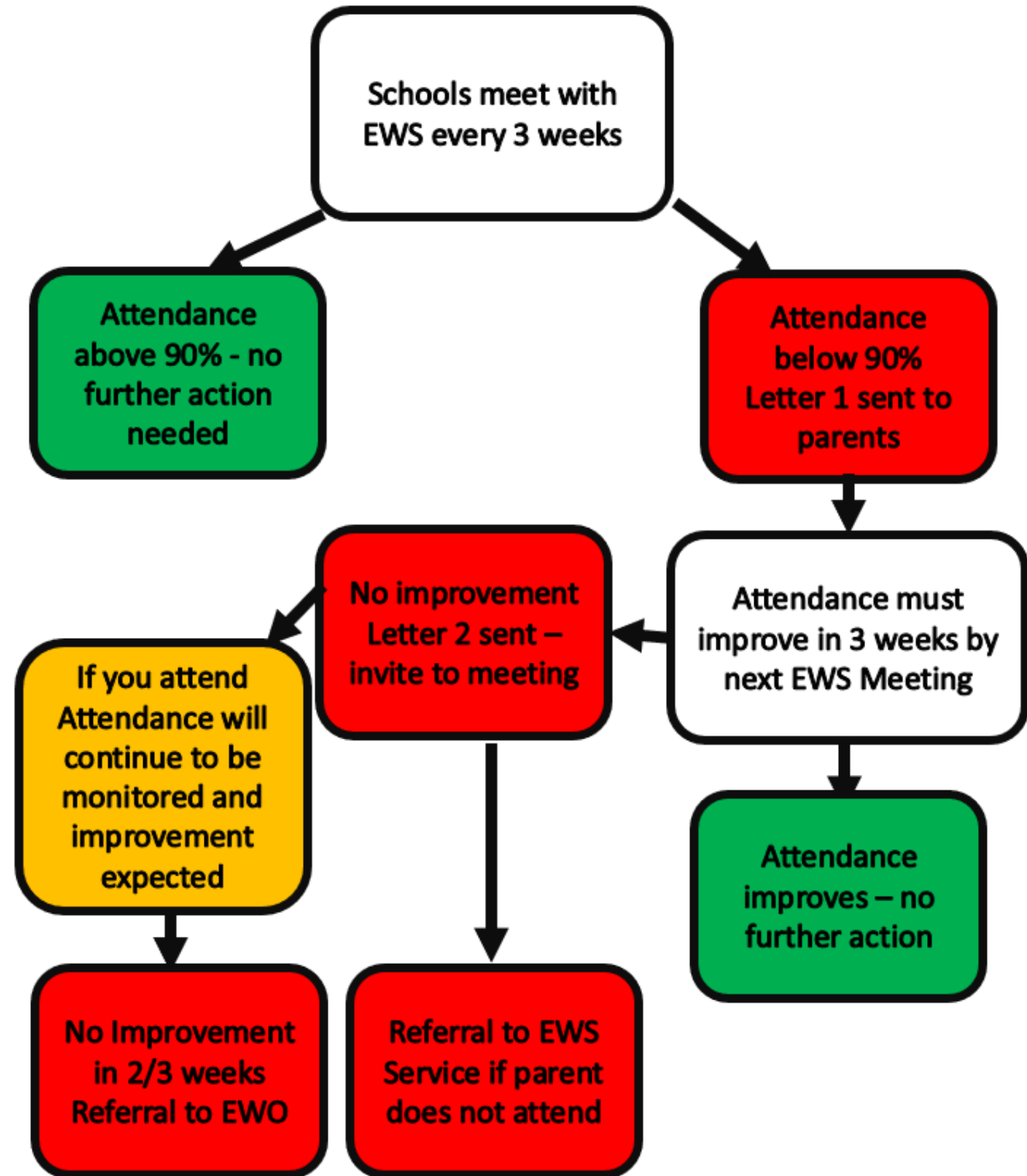
Attendance Protocol

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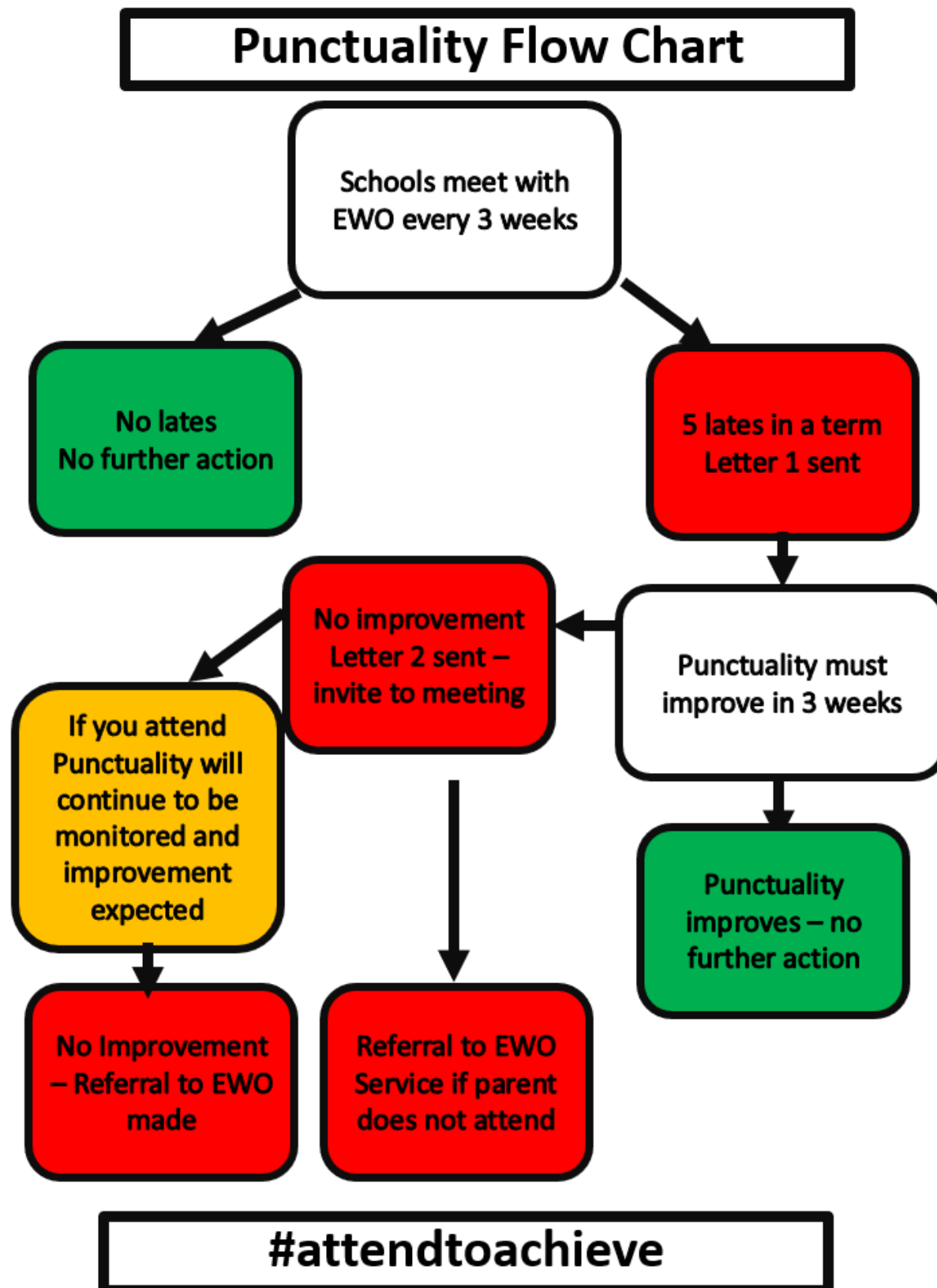
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Attendance Flow Chart

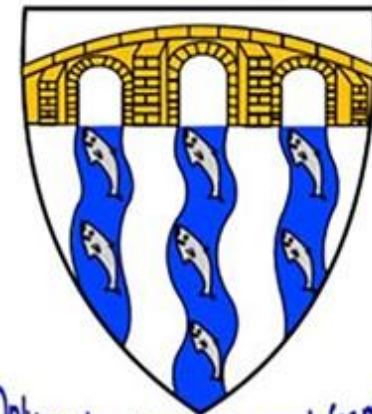


#attendtoachieve

Punctuality Protocol



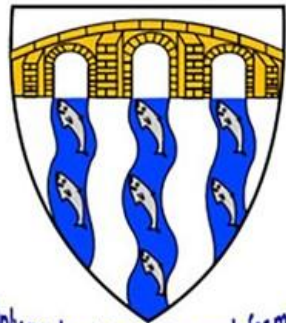
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Breakfast Club

Litchard Primary School



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BREAKFAST CLUB TIMES

Doors Open-8:15am

Doors Close – 8:30am

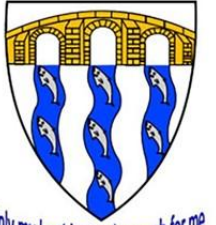
Please can all children who in Year 3 and Under be handed over to Breakfast club staff.

Younger pupils cannot be left under the supervision of older pupils if they are younger than Year 3.

Thanks for your support on this!

A polite reminder ...

Please can all members of the school community work together to refrain from using foul or threatening language when near the school entrances. We want our pupils and families to be able to enter school without this happening.





Only Blue Badge holders can drive onto the school grounds between 8:15am and 8:30am.

Blue Badges must be displayed at all times.

If you do not have your blue badge displayed you will be refused entry. We have the right to ask to see the name on the badge too.

You will also be refused entry after 8:30am

We will NOT tolerate
behaviour that is:

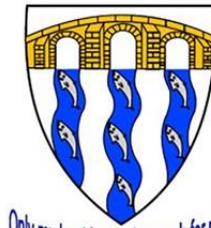
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NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

We strive to create a safe and secure
environment for pupils and staff alike.
And we WILL take action when necessary.

You can now text the school by replying to any message from Teachers 2 Parents to let us know your child is not well. Please only use this service to report absences.
TEXT : 07786 208889

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If your child is not well. Please contact the school office on day 1

1 step
Discuss concerns with
Class Teacher - give it
time to be resolved.

Step 2
If you are still worried -
Discuss concerns with
Class Teacher again or
with Mr Slade. Give it time
to be resolved

Step 3
If you are still worried
Discuss concerns with Mr.
Slade again.
Give it time to be resolved.

Step 4
If you are still worried
Book an appointment
with the office to see
Mr Jones



You can follow news from school in a number of ways:
Website: [Litchard Primary School - www.litchardprimary.com](http://www.litchardprimary.com)

Twitter : @LitchardPrimary

Telephone: 01656 815680

You can email us on : admin@litchardps.bridgend.cymru

Privacy notices and policies can be found on the school website.

Update your contact details

Please complete the form below if you have :

1. Changed mobile numbers
2. Moved house
3. Changed email addresses
4. Want to add a name and number to the contact list

It is vital we have the most up to date information on record.
It is the parents responsibility to inform us of any changes.

Please email admin@litchardps.bridgend.cymru



Assia

Gwasanaeth Cam-drin Domestig
Domestic Abuse Service

What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse can take many different forms, including:

- physical abuse (such as hitting, pushing, grabbing)
- sexual abuse (rape, any source of non-consensual sexual activity)
- financial abuse (controlling how much you spend, monitoring your bank account)
- Coercive control and gaslighting / emotional abuse (controlling where you go, who you see, name calling, humiliation, threats, blame)
- Digital / online abuse (revenge porn, tracking software)
- 'honour-based' violence
- Stalking and harassment
- Forced marriage
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)

Domestic abuse can happen to **anyone** - and the abuse can be committed by a partner, ex-partner or a family member.



Are you, or is someone you know experiencing domestic abuse?

If you, or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 999.

For advice and support, The Assia Domestic Abuse is here to help you on **01656 815919**.

The Assia Domestic Abuse Service is here to support **anyone** impacted by Domestic Abuse in Bridgend County Borough.

Whether that's directly or if you are worried about a relative or friend.

We run a **confidential** domestic abuse service for people of all backgrounds.

Our friendly and experienced team is here to offer you emotional and practical support. You can access:

- **advice and guidance**
- **a refuge**
- **a risk assessment so specialists can tailor support to you and your family**
- **safety planning**

This is also the route to get support for children who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse.

Did you know?

- Domestic abuse affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men in their lifetime
- It has more repeat victims than any other crime
- 130,000 children live in homes where there is high-risk domestic abuse
- 62% of children living with domestic abuse are directly harmed by the perpetrator of the abuse, in addition to the harm caused by witnessing the abuse of others
- There is help and support out there, whatever your circumstances

Helpful contacts:

Assia Domestic Abuse Service: 01656 815919

assia@bridgend.gov.uk

www.bridgend.gov.uk

Live Fear Free (available 24/7): 0808 80 10 800

Respect Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327

Galop (LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline): 0800 999 5428

**It's really hard when you think
your child isn't safe.
We are here to listen and help.**



My daughter isn't safe,
she is having to do
things which could get
her into trouble with
the police.

I feel isolated and
nobody is telling me
what is going on.

SAFECALL
It's your call.

Call or text 116 000, 7 days a week, 9am-11pm
for free, confidential support

Safecall is a county lines exploitation support service operated by the charity Missing People
Registered charity in England and Wales (1020419) and in Scotland (SC047419)





Below are a number of agencies that could be of help, if you need it at the moment. If you are struggling at present, please contact me in the school to discuss what we can do to help you.

We can access Early Help to support you.

Agencies to help

- ✓ Support for Domestic Abuse - 01656815919 or drop in to Civic Offices
- ✓ WCADA (Substance Abuse Charity) - 01656 667717
- ✓ Child line - 0800 111
- ✓ Safer Wales - Male Domestic Abuse Charity - 0808 801 0321
- ✓ Live Fear Free 24 hour telephone line - 0808 80 10 800
- ✓ Citizen's Advice Bureau - 01656 762800
- ✓ Samaritans - 116123 or email jo@samaritans.org
- ✓ Shelter Cymru (financial and home advice) - 08000 495 495
- ✓ Al-Anon (Family support for Alcoholism) - 0800 0086 811

Safeguarding concerns - Ring 01656 642320
Out of Hours : 01443 743665

"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy.



"Help." said the horse.