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Proposed Change to the School Day – September 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Governing Body of Ysgol Gymraeg Parc y Tywyn proposes to make a change to the timing of the school day, to take effect from September 2025. This proposed adjustment follows internal review and feedback, and aims to support pupil learning, reduce local traffic congestion, and improve safety during drop-off and collection times.

The school day currently runs as follows:

- **Foundation Phase (Nursery to Year 2):** 9:00am – 3:20pm
- **Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6):** 9:00am – 3:25pm

We are proposing the following changes, to take effect from the start of the **Autumn Term in September 2025**:

- **Full-time Nursery and Reception:** 8:50am – 2:50pm
- **Year 1 & 2:** 8:50am – 2:50pm
- **Years 3 & 4:** 8:50am – 3:05pm
- **Years 5 & 6:** 8:50am – 3:05pm

Although the day will start and finish earlier, there will be no reduction in overall teaching and learning time. Pupils will continue to benefit from a full and structured lunch break and regular opportunities for rest throughout the day. Teaching time will remain fully protected and in line with national requirements.

For families with children in multiple year groups, all siblings will remain in school until the latest scheduled pick-up time so that only one collection is required.

The main reasons for the proposed change are as follows:

- **To improve safety:** The school car park is often overcrowded at collection time, creating risks for pupils and families. By staggering collection times across year groups, we aim to ease pressure and improve traffic flow.
- **To support working families:** By changing the school day times, Breakfast Club will be able to begin at 8:00am instead of 8:10am, supporting requests from parents needing to reach work earlier in the morning. Opportunities for after school clubs and activities are also being explored to support working families in the afternoon, with further information to be provided in due course. We are also fortunate to have an after school club operating at Ysgol Parc y Tywyn.
- **To support learning:** Research indicates that children are generally more alert and able to focus earlier in the day. An earlier start makes better use of this peak learning time. We are also aware that many families collect children early on certain days to attend after-school activities. This change will help families avoid earlier collection times and loss of school learning.
- **To ease local congestion:** Nearby schools, such as Ysgol Gyfun y Strade, Glan y Mor, Burry Port and Pembrey have similar start and finish times. Our revised times will help reduce overlap and congestion on surrounding roads.

- **To support family routines:** A slightly earlier finish may help parents coordinate pick-up more easily if they have children attending different schools.

We warmly invite you to attend a Parent Consultation Meeting on **Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 5:30pm**, here at school, to share your views on the proposal and ask any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend or would like to share your views, you are welcome to complete a short feedback form, which will be made available via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1a6Tt3uQ76>

We remain committed to working in partnership with you to ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils. Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A. Williams

Pennaeth / Headteacher

