

# COWBRIDGE SCHOOL



LOWER SCHOOL



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## Addysgu a Dysgu

On behalf of the School Governing Body and staff, I would like to welcome you to Cowbridge School.

Our Lower School consists of Nursery up to Year 4 and we are the starting point of Cowbridge 3-18, all age school.

Set in the market town of Cowbridge, our building was constructed in 2023 and is purpose built for Primary pupils. The site and building include large open spaces, large classrooms with 'break out' spaces and expansive grounds including a MUGA, field and pond.

Some benefits of 3-18 education include:

- \* Children can make firm and lasting friendships
- \* Enjoy familiar surroundings and facilities
- \* Children feel known by their teachers
- \* Benefit from a continuity of approach, ethos and community
- \* Links with specialist teachers and pupils to support learning

We are delighted that you are considering our school for your child/ren. If you have any further questions or would like a visit to the school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs G Davies



Head of Lower School

# Teaching and learning

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Play and play based learning are at the centre of our learning in Nursery.

Research around schema, play and early literacy skills, enable our children to have good foundations for their learning.

Our Curriculum for Cowbridge encompasses all the principles of Curriculum for Wales, ensuring our pupils leave as as:

- Ambitious, capable learners
- Healthy, confident individuals
- Ethical, informed citizens
- Enterprising, creative contributors



# Outdoor learning

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Our staff are very passionate about the outdoors and luckily we have fantastic grounds, perfect for outdoor adventures.



On the Primary site we have a MUGA, two drainage areas/ponds, free flow outside access from Nursery-Year 2 classrooms, a large yard and a field.

As we are a 3-18 site, we also benefit from using all the comprehensive site facilities such as a forest area, specialised music equipment, sports pitches and music hall.



We ask that all children bring wellies and wet weather gear into school for outdoor learning.

# Nursery class times

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We have a designated car park for Lower School parents, which is the top car park next to the main Reception area.



All three local day nurseries are currently offering wrap around services to our school.

Breakfast club

8.15-8.55am

Morning nursery

8.50-11.30am

Afternoon nursery

1.00-3.30pm



We kindly ask you to be punctual when dropping off and collecting your child.

# School Uniform

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We encourage all children to wear a uniform as it gives the child a sense of belonging and pride. It also enables them to recognise others who are in their setting and brings familiarity.

Our uniform consists of:

Lower School cardigan/jumper with badge

Navy trousers/skirt/dress

White or red polo shirt

Blue gingham summer dress/navy shorts

Black shoes



Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

Most of our uniform can be purchased at:

The Pencilcase, 50 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7AB

Uniform2go , 4 New St, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF31 3UD

# Breakfast Club

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Our breakfast club runs from 8.15am-8.50am every day. It is funded by Welsh Government so there is no charge.

Children can choose between a selection of cereal, toast and juice. There are lots of games, puzzles and activities for the children to play before heading into their classrooms.



## Settling into school

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Starting school is a big event for you and your child. We support this transition by offering 'stay and play sessions' where you come and play with your child in our nursery classroom so they become familiar with the environment and we can discuss any queries you may have to ensure that both you and your child have a positive start to school life.



# Being ready for Nursery

## Bod yn barod ar gyfer meithrin

You can help your child become ready for Nursery by:

- Talking to them about their new school
- Help your child to be able to use the toilet independently
- Support your child to take their coat on and off
- Talk to them about their new routine that will involve coming to school
- Supporting them to wash and dry their hands independently
- Completing the 'getting to know you' pack so that staff know your child's likes and dislikes.



# P.E. & Snack

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We have weekly P.E. lessons for our Nursery pupils as well as lots of activities and opportunities to promote their gross and fine motor control in our outdoor spaces.



Children wear their P.E. kit to school on their P.E. day which consists of:

- Light blue P.E. t-shirt
- Navy joggers/shorts
- Black trainers/daps

We are a healthy school and we encourage children to bring in a healthy fruit snack for their break. Please could all grapes be chopped into halves or quarters. All children are able to receive milk through the Welsh Government free milk for schools scheme or they can choose water. Your child is welcome to bring a water bottle into school with their name on as well.



# Home/school links

## Cysylltiadau Cartref Ysgol

We value the link between school and home. We plan multiple parental engagement sessions throughout the year to ensure you are up to date with your child's learning. We hold parents evenings twice a year as well as completing an end of year report for your child.

We share information to parents via email, parent mail and Google Classroom. We post pictures of each class on Google Classroom weekly as well as a weekly newsletter where you can keep up to date with other activities in future classes.

If you did have any concerns about your child, please email these in to [nursery@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:nursery@cowbridgecs.co.uk) or phone the school to arrange an appointment.

## Absences Absenoldebau

All absences from school needed to be either telephoned in to 01446 772311 or emailed in to [nursery@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:nursery@cowbridgecs.co.uk) so we can update on SIMS.

All holiday requests need to be emailed in to [nursery@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:nursery@cowbridgecs.co.uk) for approval.

We will contact you if your child becomes unwell, so please always ensure that we have up to date contact information.



# Admissions to Reception Class

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Unfortunately, admission into our Nursery class doesn't mean automatic admission to our Reception class. Parents/Carers need to re-apply for their child's place for Reception.

All applications for Nursery and Reception places need to go through the Vale of Glamorgan's Admission page.

Website:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Phone number: 01446 709844

Email: [admissions@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

Admission to Reception does then guarantee admission to Cowbridge School all the way through until Sixth Form. You would NOT need to re-apply for your child to enter Year 7.



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