Hello and Welcome to Dosbarth Porffor

Dosbarth Porrfor is the Observation and Intervention class based at Llantrisant Primary School. The class is run by RCT Learning support Service and therefore access to this class is via SEN panel.

Dosbarth Porffor is an Early Years class and everything we do links to developing communication and Social & Emotional Development.

It is a short-stay class, pupils can join throughout the school year and can also leave during the school year, dependent on whether their new placement has been assigned.

We work closely with a range of multiagency professionals to ensure a whole holistic approach for our pupils.

Many children will join our class with a statement of special needs, others will begin the statement process when in class.

Entry into class is through the fire door in the classroom. Due to the current situation we have retuning the school day to 9.30am- 3pm (if your child is on transport this may differ again). Staff from class will meet you by the main gate and take your child into class and will do the same at the end of the school day.

Cars are NOT PERMITTED on the school drive before 9.15am and after 3.05pm as parents and children will be using the drive to follow a one-way system.

The staff in class are shown below. With over 18years experience within the field of Special educational Needs.

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Teacher** | Mrs Geary | Mrs Geary | Mrs Geary | Mrs Cosgrove | Mrs Cosgrove |
| **Support Assistant** | Mrs Mc.Nabb | Mrs Mc.Nabb | Mrs Jones | Mrs Jones | Mrs Jones |

Children in the observation class are included in all aspects of school life, such as assemblies, sports day and concerts (providing it does not cause them any distress).

Children will be fully supported in ALL aspects of care and education, our staff are trained in Manual Handling and will cater for your child’s individual toileting needs. We sit with the children at lunchtime and one of the class staff is always present when the children are playing on the yard.

In class, we ask that children bring a fruit/healthy snack and a drinks bottle. We have recently introduced ‘Toast and Choose’ time where we all sit together and have a toasty morning, encourage the pupils to ask (using, sign, symbols etc.) to develop communication skills. We offer the children a variety of toppings so if there are any allergies please let us know.

Children are also offered milk.

Toileting- Please send in nappies, wet wipes, cream (if needed), nappy sacks and a change of clothes (also 2 pairs of socks because when it rains socks can get wet quickly!!) that can be kept in school. When we are running low on items we will pop a note in the KIT (Keeping in Touch) Book.

Each term we will have a new topic, this Autumn our topic is ‘Happiness’. Children will have the opportunity to access daily Maths and Language activities as well as a sensory curriculum and lots of learning focused on play and communication.

Included in this welcome pack is a proforma for a ‘One Page Profile’ Please fill it in and return it.

Initially the children will be assessed and once we know where each child’s strengths and areas to target are you will receive a SIP (Specialist Intervention Plan) with 3 targets. The class teacher will talk these through with you and you will be asked to sign a return a copy (keeping another for yourselves). These targets are the main skills that we will then work on with your children in class.

We run a class ‘Library’ where children choose a book on a Monday morning and take it home for the week. This has huge benefits, not only spending quality time reading with your children, but developing choosing skills, concentration skills and beginning to build language and communication.

We use Twitter, you can find us @Llantrisantpri We often posts photos and videos of the class which has always been well received by parents. (Again, you will be asked to sign a permission form and we will adhere to your choices).

We also have a school website, you can find it here <http://www.llantrisantprimary.co.uk/>

Here you will find all the information you need about the school, policies and documents, Free School Meals info, information on uniform as well as weekly newsletters.

We also have a class page ‘Dosbarth Porffor’ that is updated regularly.

Class teachers are always available to discuss your child but we do politely ask that parents call either between 8.30-8.50am or after 3.15pm as staff may be unable to leave the classroom.

You can contact us by email on GearyL@hwbcymru.net and we will try and get back to you as soon as possible.

Communication is vitally important, and we endeavor to keep in touch on a daily basis via the KIT books. We ask that parents also use these to communicate/ask questions.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child into Dosbarth Porffor, we understand that our children are extremely young and often vulnerable, and we promise that we will take great care of them and shower them with love and wonderful experiences.

Dosbarth Porffor Team