



7th July 2025

Re: Mixed-Age Classes from September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share some important information regarding the structure of classes for the upcoming academic year, and to explain the reasons behind the continuation of mixed-age classes at Coed Glas Primary School.

As you may be aware, schools across the country are currently facing a number of significant challenges. These include:

- **Falling pupil numbers:** Due to a national decline in birth rates, many schools – including ours – are seeing smaller cohorts of children entering each year group. This has a direct impact on how we organise classes and allocate resources.
- **Reduced funding:** School budgets are largely determined by the number of pupils on roll. With fewer children, our funding has decreased, making it increasingly difficult to maintain single-year group classes across the school.
- **A growing budget deficit:** Like many schools, we are currently operating within a deficit budget. This means we must make careful, strategic decisions to ensure we can continue to provide high-quality education while remaining financially sustainable.

In light of these pressures, we have made the decision to continue with some mixed-age classes from September. This is not a decision we have taken lightly, and we understand that it may raise questions or concerns. However, we want to reassure you that mixed-age teaching is a well-established and effective model used successfully in many schools across the UK.

What does this mean for your child?

Children in mixed-age classes will continue to follow the Curriculum for Wales for their year group. Our teachers are highly skilled in planning and delivering differentiated lessons that meet the needs of all learners, regardless of age. We will ensure that every child is supported and challenged appropriately, and that their social, emotional, and academic development remains at the heart of everything we do.

Next steps

Teachers will be holding their Meet the Teachers session early in the autumn term to explain more about how mixed-age classes work and to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are committed to maintaining the high standards of education and care that you expect from Coed Glas, and we thank you for your continued support and understanding as we navigate these changes together.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Notley'.

Sophie Notley

Headteacher

