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SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Hello, we know how important it is for parents to feel well informed and in touch with the school. We have listened to what parents would like and tried hard to put in place lots of ways that school can communicate with parents to help you stay up to date. Below are just some of the ways we can communicate with you and we are always open to further suggestions. Here at VEM School we try to communicate with our parents / carers in a simple and easy to use method, saving on paper and making accessing information regarding events and activities at the school as easy as clicking a couple of buttons.

We also have an online system to enable parents / carers to pay for School Meals, Trips, Fun Club etc. via their bank or cards.

For you to login / register on these apps / systems the school requires an up to date Mobile number and E-Mail address from at least one parent / carer in the family.

TOP TIP!! Keeping your child's school records up to date with the latest telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, makes contacting you or giving you the latest news very easy. So, please pass your current Mobile and E-Mail address on to Mrs Clarke in the office and remember to update any changes when they occur.

School Website

Our School website is a source of information. Find it here: -

<http://www.vemschool.co.uk/>

Here you will be able to view our calendar, read news, find our latest newsletters, see what the choices are for school dinners, view several documents, homework, transition and much more.



Newsletters

Newsletters are sent out regularly via our website, Ourschoolsapp and email. The newsletter highlights events that are happening during the term as well as listing important dates, such as class assemblies and trips.

School Gateway

School Gateway is a great way to pay for all those trips and other school events etc with just a few clicks on your phone. Also, you can Pre-Order your Meals through this App, allowing you to order your Child's School Meals in advance. **PLEASE NOTE** School Meals **CANNOT** be ordered on the day, they **MUST** be ordered in **ADVANCE**.



To activate your School Gateway account, it is quick and easy to do. All you need is your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

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- Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message.

OR

- Visit the website: <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register> and click on 'New User'. You will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.

TOP TIP!! Please ensure you have enabled push notifications for this APP; as vital messages relating to consents and payments may be missed if disabled. Also, check regularly the messages section of School Gateway found at the bottom of the home page for messages relating to your child's payments or consents.

Our Schools App

Our Schools App is a great source of information, with its calendar and regular news articles, you can keep informed on what is going on.

Just download OurSchoolsApp from your app store on your smartphone (Android or iPhone).

You will be sent reminders of upcoming events, and when changes are made to items already placed on the calendar as well as new entries. You can also find contact details on the app as well as links (under Info) to other important places such as Breakfast /FUN Club Booking System; AmaSing After School Booking Page etc. You can view recent Newsletters / Letters under the Documents section of the App.



TOP TIP!! Make sure you change the settings within this app to alert you to the latest information and remind you of events coming up.

Parentmail

Through Parentmail we can send text and emails to all parents as a quick way to remind or inform you of anything that may be urgently happening.

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TOP TIP!! Due to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) it is your responsibility to keep your details up to date on Parentmail, the school office CANNOT do this for you.

Parents Evening System

This is our new Progress Evening, Breakfast Club, Fun Club and After School Activity Booking system. It is easy to use and all you need to do is enter your details, e-mail address, and child's name and date of birth to book yourself on any sessions, and book a slot for Progress Evenings.

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If you are unable to access this booking system for any reason, please do not hesitate to see Mrs Clarke in the office who will check details for you and your child are correct.

<https://venerablewardmorgan.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Social Media Platforms Twitter, Facebook, Instagram

Twitter @venerablewardmorgan

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091057683282>

Instagram https://instagram.com/venerable_wardmorgan?igshid=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ==

TOP TIP!! Please give school consent to use photos and/or first name of your child on these platforms. As all these platforms are public pages due to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we cannot place your child's photo and/or first name on any of these platforms without your permission. You also have the right to remove this permission at any time but must be done in writing either by e-mail to emmail@hwbcymru.net or by letter.

Should you be unable to access any of these sites / apps or require help with registering then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Clarke in the office.

If you have any suggestions to improving these sites please let us know and if they are within our parameters, we will do our best to get this actioned.

Letters from school

Sometimes especially when a reply is needed, you will still receive paper communication from school. Letters will be given out in class for things like trips, and health forms for Residential Trips. Most of our information is supported via our website and Ourschoolsapp. Payment for trips can be paid for through the School Gateway where you can confirm your consent and inform us of any special medical, dietary needs as well as any emergency contact appropriate for the day of the trip.

TOP TIP!! Go through your child's bag daily to see what is lurking inside! Also, check our website and school app regularly in case things have changed!

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