



Ysgol Gymunedol Llangatwg Llangatwg Community School

Main Road | Cadoxton | Neath | SA10 8DB

18th December 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Following further speculation regarding the sighting of a rodent on school grounds over the weekend, I would like to further update you on the situation.

Environmental Health were called to the school on Thursday following the sighting of a single rodent entering the seating area of the canteen from outside. Pupils were cleared from the area and the Environmental Health team attended immediately. A full inspection was undertaken and there was absolutely no evidence of an infestation. Indeed, the canteen has a five star hygiene rating and has held this status since the food standards rating system came in to force.

As a further measure of precaution the Environment team visited again on Friday and again confirmed that the school had done all it could to deal with such circumstances. Parents who know the geography of the school will know that we back on to fields and is close to Gwraig Gladys and it is inevitable that creatures of many description will live in such natural environment.

Over the weekend we have contacted Environmental Health again as a result of a rodent sighting near the brook that runs through the school. They are due out again Monday morning to see if there is anything further that can be done.

I would like to assure parents that we have sought advice and support from the Health Department at every stage of this process and all that can be done has been done. We will continue to work with them to ensure the situation is dealt with in accordance with all guidelines.

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I note that negative comments made on social media by a small number of ill-informed people may have caused anxiety or worry amongst some parents. It is also not helpful when I hear or read of what can only be classed as untruths, such as teachers going to the chip shop to eat at lunchtime. Fortunately most people will see these type of comments as what they are, sensationalist and untrue.

Regarding school cleanliness, in addition to the high standards the canteen adheres to, all bins around school are emptied at the end of every day and there are weekly bin collections. We do suffer from a small number of pupils dropping litter, despite the large number of bins around the school grounds, and we regularly remind pupils of the need to dispose of litter responsibly. I would ask that all parents support us in encouraging this good habit.

The vast majority of people reading this letter will know that the school always acts in the best interests of the pupils and we will be professional and thorough in dealing with this issue. As we come towards the end of a very long term, I would like to genuinely thank you for your help and support.

Kindest Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. L. Rowlands". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alan L Rowlands

Headteacher