

Safety and Security

The security of the school remains a high priority and is reviewed on a regular basis. Regular fire practices and reverse drill practices take place and the governor responsible for Health and Safety regularly visits and when required assesses the school with the head teacher.

All staff continue to be vigilant in order to ensure the safety of all the pupils. Clear health and safety procedures are adhered to. We will continue to follow good practice guidelines published by the UK government, Welsh Government and Local Authority.

Emergency Plans

At Ysgol Y Faenol we have plans in place to help staff respond effectively to any emergency at school or when on an educational visit. Our emergency plans cover a range of potential incidents that could occur including:

- injury to a pupil or member of staff
- fire
- reported incident within the community
- intruder on school site
- dangerous animal within the school grounds or vicinity of the school
- severe weather
- public health incidents

Preparing for emergencies is an ongoing process involving:

- risk assessment
- planning
- training
- exercises
- reviewing

Evacuation & Lockdown Procedures

Our Evacuation/Lockdown Procedures are a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and pupils in the school. Our procedures aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff.

Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation Procedures involve staff and pupils exiting the school building as quickly and as safely as possible. Evacuation procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, but most typically from a report of fire within the school building.

Lockdown Procedures

Lockdown would involve staff and pupils should remaining in the school building and all doors leading outside locked. During lockdown no one is allowed to enter or leave the building. Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, but more typically from:

- A reported incident /civil disturbance in the local community (with a potential to pose a

- threat to staff and pupils in the school
- An intruder on the school site (with a potential to pose a threat to staff and pupils)
- A warning being received regarding a risk locally,
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school,
- The close proximity of a dangerous dog roaming loose.

Our lockdown arrangements have been determined by our school on an individual basis, as they are dependant to a large extent on local circumstances such as premises design and layout, class arrangements, resources available etc.

In the event of the need for lockdown parents would be informed by text and through web based platforms (website www.ysgolyfaenol.co.uk, twitter @yfaenol) that the school was in lockdown. Updates would be provided as regularly as possible.

Please be assured that children's wellbeing and welfare is of paramount concern to us. In the event of an incident that poses a threat to the safety of pupils/staff everything that can be done to ensure everyone's safety will be done.