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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – April 24th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Today should have marked the first day of the 'summer term' where summer dresses and shorts are all the rage and the pile of 'lost' jumpers starts to grow by the day. Unfortunately, as we are all aware this is not possible at this moment of time. As stated throughout last week and finalised yesterday by ministers, school will not reopen today or in the near future.

Schools will continue to function under the repurposed method of providing childcare to all the parents/guardians undertaking 'key workers' jobs. School can confirm that we will be open daily to offer childcare services as normal. The daily times will remain the same, 08.55am until 3.00pm. For parents wishing to use the service please inform a member of staff on drop off/pick up of your requirements or alternatively please email school directly.

Please let me remind you of the following key Welsh government guidelines for school provision and also daily practice –

"If children can stay safely at home, they should!"

"If one parent is a critical worker but the other parent is not, then the other parent should provide safe alternative arrangements at home"

Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave the house for very limited purposes:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
- any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
 - travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home

Provision for Free School Meal Pupils

As stated in previous correspondents Wrexham County Council are providing a provision for pupils entitled to free school meals. Parents/Guardians are able to collect a 'grab and go' packed lunch from one of the following sites –

Caia Park Estates office	Gwersyllt Estates office	Plas Pentwyn Coedpoeth
Plas Madoc Estates office	Rhos Estates office (Stiwt)	Llay Resource Centre
Broughton Estates office	Memo Hall Wrexham	Ysgol Y Waen Chirk

As mentioned to parents/guardians directly there is also a new pick up point available from the **Post Office located within Brymbo Enterprise Centre**. The packed lunches must be collected between 11.30am and 1pm by a parent/guardian and you will need to give staff the name of your child(ren) and the school they attend, and you'll only be able to collect a packed lunch for your own child(ren). Please note that the council point out you will need to follow social distancing measures, maintaining your distance from other people.

Online Distance Learning Arrangements – Learning at Home from School

As today would mark the official return to school staff will continue to be providing online learning activities through the Google Classroom, HWB online and SEESAW platforms. Here you will receive updates on the learning tasks, activities and instructions to find the desired resources for your child(ren). As previously noted, we have also provided each pupil with an activity book to record their work (or other learning experiences) if it cannot be done directly on-line.

Your learning experiences

It has been lovely to hear from parents/guardians of all the learning activities the children have been undertaking at home. Many of these have been shared with school through SEESAW and the email etc. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the children for working so hard at home and remembering to follow the new guidelines, which I understand, are incredibly hard when you just want to play with your friends. I would also like to thank Mr Hughes who has spent a large period of time putting together the Ysgol Tanyfron 'Just Dance Challenge'. We had so many amazing entries that it was difficult to include everyone, so apologies if you did not see yourself in the final production. However, rest assured upon our return to school we will be sharing everyone's dance moves during class and whole school celebrations when we are back in school.

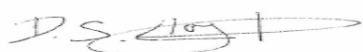
Return to school

Staff and I have had many questions regarding a potential return to school and the methods in which this may happen. Unfortunately, at this time I have no answers to date or method in which this will happen. Like many of you, I watch the news and read the newspapers, which speculate what 'date' and 'time' we will be starting statutory education. What I can reassure you with is that when the Welsh government make a decision that it is medically safe to return to school we will inform you as soon as we have all the correct procedures.

Staff and I will be looking this week at additional ways we may be able to help families throughout the next few weeks and we will communicate these with you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please keep safe in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher