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## **Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to thank all the parents/guardians who have provided messages of support to staff whilst we have stayed open for the pupils of 'key workers', and most importantly the messages of support and gratitude for those working in our incredible NHS. At a very difficult time, these messages can go a long way in terms of support. Thank you!

To continue our support to all the parents undertaking 'key workers' jobs we are pleased to confirm that we will be remaining open over the entire Easter holidays (including Good Friday and Easter Monday) 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**

Wrexham County Council have recently launched the 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

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 we continue through very difficult times staff will be doing all they can to ensure our pupils continue to receive some appropriate learning experiences through the continued school closure period. The main and primary avenue for home-school communication will continue to be through SEESAW. Here you will receive updates on the learning tasks, activities and instructions to find the desired resources for your child(ren). 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.

Please be mindful that all staff are affected by this situation in some way, so a degree of flexibility is going to be needed. Therefore, please be aware of the online distance Learning Protocol:

1. Teachers will not be setting work during their designated Easter holidays. Learning experiences will only be set during term time.
2. Teachers may have to set tasks for their class on a more flexible basis based on their own commitments and situation. Ideally, across the school we will be looking to set learning experiences on a Monday for the week ahead. However, as mentioned each individual member of staffs home life may be different so please be mindful if your child(ren) get set a piece of work one week and another child(ren) doesn't.
3. Please do not expect an immediate response to a question you may have ask via SEESAW, Google classroom or the school mailbox. Teachers will respond to them as quickly as possible.
4. In return, we may well ask something of you or your child(ren) at a time which is not suitable for you. You can respond to the learning experience at a time, which suits your family life.
5. If a staff member or their immediate family falls ill, this will inevitably affect the frequency and consistency of the learning experiences provided. Please be aware this is something we will have no control over and we ask for your understanding at this time.
6. Your child(ren) may love working from home or you may be loving your new job title as 'Teacher'. If you require any additional work or activities, please use the following free platforms to self-select appropriate tasks – there are many more out there also along with some fabulous APPs
  - Classroom Secrets
  - Primary Resources
  - Twinkl
  - White Rose Maths Home Learning

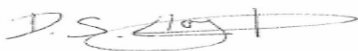
The world of social media is also alive with many other activities e.g. Joe Wicks daily workout and many more. These can help your child learn in such a fun and friendly way and importantly in a way they don't think their working and learning!!!!

After all, of that however I wish to touch on a more personal side. What is important for us all; our pupils, staff, families and friends is that we provide support for each other in this difficult time. Our pupils are starting to see the reality of the situation. If your children are like my two, they are now starting to turn grumpy, throw tantrums, continually be asking to go outside and play with their friends and eat us out of house and home. Whatever we do, it may not be enough to keep them 'happy' in this situation.

Don't worry if your child(ren) don't want to learn for a couple of days/weeks and you feel they will 'go backwards' in their learning. Every child and family is in this position and through the online learning and when we start back to school, we will pick up the learning and continue to develop each child to their full potential. We cannot afford to overlook our child's wellbeing, as this will be the greatest indicator to get them to learn at home and school. The fun and creative activities you do with them 'off the cuff' will be what they remember throughout this period.

So please remind yourself that you are doing a great job every day in difficult times. If there is anything, we can do to support, please feel free to contact school.

Yours sincerely



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