

Ysgol Cynfran - Weekly Newsletter

Update from Mr Rogers – Tuesday 31st March 2020



We are now into our second week of operating the school to meet the needs of key workers. I am very pleased that parent(s) whose role falls under one of the essential worker jobs have used the school on an as and when basis. We have been open every day as shift patterns and rotas come into effect. I want to thank all the staff at school who have each taken their turn to look after the children who have been into school.

Home learner packs are being undertaken by many children. We expect to provide more on the assumption that school - as we know it - is not likely to return imminently. I also want to ask that you do not over burden your children with this work. Please let them play out safely in back gardens, in bedrooms and in living rooms. You know your children best: a little and often in terms of home schooling is better than all at once. I fully appreciate the stresses this brings to everyone in the household. I also understand you might be limited to the number of computers, tablets, iPads etc. in your home, so it won't always be possible for each child to be engaged in learning.

Please encourage them to read a little and to practise their times tables. This can also be fun as well as stimulating.

Staff have provided you with log in details for Hwb, Purplemash, Reading Eggs etc., etc. There is also a plethora of activities elsewhere which they can show you. Please keep an eye on the sites they are using and the time they are on their devices. I know there are many keep fit sites that you can use with your children in this time of limited travel and exercise.

Our teachers have loved hearing from your children over this period! Please encourage them to stay in touch. Whether in school or working from home, our wonderful team are available at the other end of an email.

Food for children eligible for free school meals continues to be available from school, irrespective of the parent(s) being in a key worker role. If you do qualify and need a meal, please message school. We understand a supermarket voucher system is on its way, but in the meantime, you are invited to collect the lunch from the school kitchen window.

The school is a very quiet space at the moment. I want to say how much we miss our wonderful family of over 210 children, their chatter, their laughter, and their physical presence. We hope that the efforts we are all putting in will bring this frightening episode to a quicker close. I thank you all: for looking after your children at home, for the parents and carers involved in frontline action, and the dedicated workforce we are so lucky to have. They chose to be available every weekend in our own school rather than use alternate methods of care. They want to look after your families in our setting to best protect them.

I shall provide another update when there are more developments. In the meantime, stay safe and take care. We will see you all again as soon as is possible.

Regards, Mr Rogers

Upcoming Events

School closed until further Notice.

Details of forthcoming events will be communicated to parents by email and updated on Ourschoolsapp.com

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