



# Johnstown Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Tre Ioan

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and are coping with the challenges of learning from home. I also hope that the online learning information I sent you recently was useful - staff are more than happy to help if you require further assistance. We are very grateful to your support with home learning arrangements - feedback from my staff has been very positive about the response by families.

### **Welsh Government Announcement – Home Learning until at least 29<sup>th</sup> January**

The First Minister, Mr Drakeford, confirmed today that the recent decision to close schools has been extended from the 18<sup>th</sup> January to at least the 29<sup>th</sup> January. The closure extension is in line with other parts of the UK and recognises the rise of infection rates. We accept that the closing of schools is necessary as it reduces in spread of the infection inside and outside the school gates.

I am also grateful to the pupils and school staff for their positive attitude when adapting to this challenging situation. School staff will ensure that the learning programme online will assist the Key Skills development of your child/ren and also to keep in touch with everyone. For those who have been provided learning packs, I hope that this has helped. If you do require a learning pack, please contact the school so that we have time to organise this arrangement.

### **Digitally Excluded**

There are families who have contacted school due to their difficulty in accessing online learning. They either do not have a device/enough devices or are not connected to the internet. I will send out a form **Monday next week** for you to complete if you require a device. While we will do our best to assist, we will have to prioritise due to the limited number of devices we have available at the school.

### **Hub Arrangements**

I previously sent out a letter for booking arrangements for the Hub if you require **emergency** childcare. I now have a new link for week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please be aware that evidence that both parents are working will be requested. You will need to complete the form by 1.00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### **[Emergency Childcare Hub Application Form](#)**

If I receive further information regarding continued school closure I will keep you updated via email, Schoop and on the school twitter account.

Keep safe and have a good weekend with your family.

Your sincerely

**K McComas**  
**Head Teacher**