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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are well and coping with the challenge of Home Learning. I have met with staff and Governors over the last week to ensure that the school is doing all we can to support you at home. Please contact the school office if you require further support with Home Learning online, paper packs or devices. I am most grateful to all staff for their outstanding efforts during these difficult times and I would like to thank parents for their positive partnership in supporting learning at home – I appreciate myself how difficult this is!

School Re-Opening Update

News today, from the First Minister and Education Secretary, indicated that schools may be re-opening after half term. These arrangements have not been finalised and while this was good news regarding the rate of transmission in Wales, there was also much caution in the announcement. As soon as I possibly can, I will inform you of return to school arrangements, following guidance from the Local Authority.

Carmarthenshire Library Support Scheme – Home Learning

Our Library service has been keen to support children's home learning. They are now offering to loan reading/topic books to your child/ren via their home delivery service. Please see the details below.



Ydych chi'n addysgu adref?

Ydych chi angen cefnogaeth o'r llyfrgell gyda llyfrau darllen neu llyfrau thema?

Os ydych, cysylltwch gyda'ch llyfrgell rhanbarthol i archebu eich llyfrau ac i drefnu i'w dosbarthu i chi.

Are you home schooling?

Do you need library support with reading books or topic books?

If so, get in touch with your regional library to order your books and arrange a home delivery for you.

Rhydaman/Ammanford 01269 598360

Caerfyrddin/Carmarthen 01267 224824

Llanelli 01554 744327

Reminder of Blended Learning Guidelines

Staff have been very impressed by the efforts of pupils (and parents) in accessing the Blended Learning online. Whilst we understand that there are many challenges when completing this learning at home, please try to adhere to the expectations below when using Teams. We thank you for your help in advance.

- School staff will ensure that there are always two members of staff in every meeting.
- Pupils will only use the 'Chat' function for questions and comments related to learning.
- Pupils will be punctual for all video-conferencing sessions.
- Pupils will make sure they have all power adaptors and laptops/electronic devices ready before the lesson/session begins and they are logged into the lesson/session.
- Pupils will show respect for everyone in the online classroom.
- Pupils will dress appropriately for all lessons/sessions, thinking about respect for others (no pyjamas please).
- Pupils will log in from an appropriate room in their home (not in their bedrooms).
- Pupils will contribute to the lesson/session in a positive manner and not be disruptive at any time (using the 'Hand Up' function to contribute).
- Pupils will not share images of the session.
- Parents will monitor activity on Teams and ensure their children follow the above expectations.

Staff in the Hub next week

During this period of blended learning online, teaching staff will also be supporting pupils in our emergency childcare hub. On the days that they will be attending the hub there will be no online sessions, however, tasks will continue to be online in J2E. See below for the days when specific classes will not be online.

Monday & Tuesday	Mrs Nicholas Miss Brunt Mrs Williams Mr Cousins	RBE 1D 3M 6D
Wednesday & Thursday	Mrs Moroney Mrs Carter Mrs Driscoll Mr Welch	RBS 2G 3B 5C
Friday	Mrs Davies Mrs Bloomfield	4P 6L

Emergency Childcare Hub Arrangements

Please see below the link to apply for **emergency** childcare for week commencing 8th February. Please be aware that evidence that both parents are working on the dates requested will be required. You will need to complete the form by 1.00pm on Wednesday 3rd February.

[Emergency Childcare Hub Application Form](#)

Keep safe and have a good weekend with your family.

Your sincerely

K McComas
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