



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

Pennaeth/ Headteacher: Mrs Elin Wakeham

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11.12.20

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am sure that you, like us as staff, have very mixed feelings and thoughts about the sudden move to online / blended learning. One thing that we must keep in mind the driver for these decisions. The global pandemic, the virus covid 19. I am sure that you have all seen the news reports that we are currently, as a nation, in a catastrophic position with infections rate rising daily and the pressure on the NHS could soon be overwhelming. The virus is spreading, and the Local Authority and Welsh Government have made these decisions to try to protect our communities and families. All decisions made during these unprecedented times are difficult as any decision will have various consequences.

I am fully aware that the children will also have very mixed feelings about this being their last day of the term **in school**. I'm sure that they will miss seeing their teachers and friends. They may be disappointed that they will miss their Christmas Party. However the animation project will be available for pupils to watch today! Keep an eye out on twitter.

In times like this, we must raise our eyes to the horizon and look to the future and the hope that the new vaccine will soon allow us to return to some form of normal as soon as possible. As it is, this term, we have a relatively low infection rate at school and for the majority of pupils, they have received almost a full term of education! **That in itself is a reason to celebrate.** By isolating before Christmas, it also safeguards against the need to self-isolate as a consequence to coming into contact with possible infection in school. In the upcoming weeks, I urge you all to follow government guidelines to make sure that you all have a safe and happy Christmas holiday together.

Next week, **pupils will still be expected to engage with their education.** Teachers will provide information to you. Children will have their HWB log in account details. If you have no electronic device that will allow your child to engage with online learning, please contact the school immediately so that we can arrange that you borrow a device. Due to the short notice given, please be patient with staff as they upload work onto HWB. They have not been given much time to prepare.

The emergency childcare provision will be available next week to those parents who were eligible in the summer term. If you feel that you meet the criteria, please contact the school. The childcare will run from 8.30 am to 3.30pm. The children must bring their own food and drinks. A booking link has been sent to those parents. You must book a space for your child, as we will staff the childcare according to those numbers. You must not send your child to school unless you have booked a space for them.

There will be no afterschool Clwb Gofal Bryn y Môr or breakfast club next week.

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As always, the staff are here to support you in anyway, should you need it.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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