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**Exemplary education for all, through God's amazing grace**

**Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.**

**Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.**

8<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021

Dear Families,

### **Re. Lockdown January 21- February Half term 2021.**

What a week of change and adjusting all over again! We hope that everyone is coping after all that has been happening and acknowledge that it has been tough.

Thank you for your patience with issuing chrome books that we already had in school. Distribution has begun, we have a waiting list and are expecting more chrome books, from the DFE, (not our own school order of new chrome books yet) next week.

To clarify the message that I sent earlier in the week, we are concerned to minimise any further gaps in learning for *all of our* children, due to this Lockdown. This is why we are providing the same learning for children at home and in school. The DFE have also made it very clear to school that this is their stance too, and expect us to pursue every child engaging with their learning, as we would expect them to do in school. We realise that this also needs to balance with wellbeing, so we will be watching this very carefully. This week the DFE started the week expecting us to provide 3 hours per day of learning for home, then, yesterday changed the expectation to four hours per day. This does include: PE - active time, assembly, personal reading, etc. and please be assured that pupil wellbeing remains crucial to us. Early next week we will be once again review what the breadth and focus of the learning is with the new expectation, so that we are confident that what we are providing meets the needs of our children and includes their wellbeing.

Please remember that for staff safety, they are working in school one week and working at home the following week, so there will be different staff in school next week, for the most part. Support staff may also be contacting specific children at home, still via Google Meet for safety, to read with them, or for ELSA or mentoring, where these are applicable. Once again, please be patient as we continue to work these things out. These are the support elements in school that we provide routinely and are now seeking to move online along with core learning.

Thank you for adhering to the new entry and exit plans today, for those in school.

**A reminder for those coming to school:** Years 4 and 6 will come in first, at the gates they did before Christmas, but between 8.50 and 8.55a.m. Years 3 and 5 will come in second, at the gates they did before Christmas, but between 8.55 and 9 a.m. Any children who arrive late will enter through gate 2, as before.

Children coming to school may wear PE kit each day. They will do a 30 minute PE lesson each day – indoors. Children will have their normal outdoor play in the morning and at lunch, so please ensure they have suitable coats. Please remember that we have to keep the school ventilated so please ensure that the children have **very warm clothing**; a few layers and warm socks!

**Please remember that all children coming in to school need a packed lunch.** Those entitled to free school meals will receive an online voucher for the next two weeks, i.e. week beginning 11.1.21 and 18.1.21. We will contact you once again after that when we know plans going forward.

**Thank you again for your continued support.** It has been helpful to work through queries to help us to continue to work in partnership and we appreciate the positive comments that are coming in equally. We hope that everyone manages to have a relaxing and pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Gruffydd



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