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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **DISTANCE LEARNING**

We hope you are all keeping well and staying safe. Many thanks to all those parents/carers that completed the Distance Learning survey circulated last week. We would like to take this opportunity to respond to some of the concerns and issues raised.

Firstly, we would like to clarify that there is no expectation that a normal school timetable will be recreated at home and that all activities and tasks shared are suggested not expected in order to minimise the pressure on our families during this time. The wellbeing of our learners, their families and our staff is of paramount importance at this time and ensuring your families are safe, physically well and emotionally well must come first. Following advice and guidance from the Local Authority and Welsh Government the tasks set should equate to no more than 2-3 hours per day for Key Stage 2 pupils. This will reduce for younger children. We aim to set tasks that develop and promote independence but also understand that it is parents that are having to put time into engaging their children in tasks and we thank you for all you are doing. During the closure period staff are not expected to be delivering new concepts to your children, instead, tasks and activities set aim to reinforce and allow pupils to practice previously learned skills.

We aim that some tasks will involve the use of IT but not all tasks but appreciate that IT access is needed in order to view tasks and activities. Families with no IT capacity will be supported via a loaning scheme for hardware, messages have been sent out regarding this matter but should you require support email the school office or phone the school between 7.30am and 6pm on a Monday. There have been some concerns raised in regard to the accessibility to resources and files within Hwb, this is something we are looking into simplifying and we appreciate your patience with this matter.

Thirdly, there have been many requests for 'live lessons' and 'video calls', this is not something we are in a position to do currently but staff are currently trialling 'voice calls' with groups of Key Stage 2 pupils in the hope that we can broaden this opportunity to all pupils. As staff we must adhere to school, local authority and national policy for safe internet use at all times to safeguard ourselves and our pupils and we are currently looking at these policies in order to develop this area further.

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Finally, we would like to thank you for ensuring your children are accessing their online learning tasks set by our staff through Seesaw and/or Hwb and completing lots of practical tasks and learning new skills - we love seeing all your photos and super work. Staff are working extremely hard to set activities they hope your children can engage with, enjoy and learn from. We understand and appreciate how hard things must be for our families at this time and with many of us also trying to juggle working from home, home schooling and raising young families we really do want you to know that we are all in this together.

Please contact us should you need, either through emailing the school office, via the chat feature on Seesaw or by phone on a Monday when we staff the Childcare Hub at school. We aim to respond to any communication with us as swiftly as possible but please also remember that we may be working in the HUB, we are working at home on tasks apart from providing feedback to pupils and answering emails e.g. report writing. And we also have our own family commitments such as home schooling or caring for vulnerable relatives.

Once again, thank you for your continued support with distance learning. Stay safe and well and we hope to see and speak to you all soon.

Kind Regards,

Helen Nixon  
Head teacher

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