



5 January 2021

Dear Parent

Further to my letter yesterday, I write to confirm arrangements following the announcement by the Education Minister yesterday evening. The revised arrangements will mean that students will continue to undertake online learning, as previously indicated. Online learning will remain in place until Monday 18th January, by which point we expect further announcements from Welsh Government regarding plans for the rest of the term.

### **Access to remote learning**

Our remote learning is provided through Google Classroom.

The **Parent Guide to Remote Learning** can be found on this [LINK](#) to our website.

The **Student Guide to Remote Learning** can be found on this [LINK](#) to our website.

### **Student wellbeing**

All students will receive contact from school each week. This will in most cases be from their tutor – next week this will include feedback on their academic progress for most year groups. If you have any wellbeing concerns during this period, please contact the school through our usual channels.

### **Student provision**

From Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, the school will only provide face-to-face teaching for identified vulnerable groups (predominantly students within the Specialist Needs Resource Base and Dalen Newydd Centre) and children of critical workers. We are working from the relevant Welsh Government guidance on this, found [at this link](#). Being included on the critical worker list does not mean children of all workers in these categories can or will be able to continue to send their children to school. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. However, if a parents/carers work is critical to the COVID-19 response or is in a key sector such as health and social care and the child/children cannot be kept safely at home, then priority is given for continued education provision.

Students who are at school in critical worker provision will take part in online learning in line with the set work for all other students. If you would like to request a place for your child, please contact the school by 3pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January so that we can plan to staff the required provision – click [here](#) to email us. We are sorry for the short notice, which is determined by the last-minute decisions that have happened around us all in the last 24 hours.



We recognise that these tumultuous events put an immense strain on families, your own work and other commitments. It is a tremendously challenging time for everyone. Please do let us know if we can help with anything. We will communicate with you as soon as we know anything more about the Welsh Government's longer-term plans. In the meantime, we will do our utmost to ensure that all students are supported to be successful in their learning in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

**Hugo Hutchison**

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