



## Information about Online Learning- Primary Phase

Dear parents/ Carers,

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you for all your efforts getting your children online and working to support them with their learning. Again we find ourselves in a school closure situation with no date as yet for return. This phase of lockdown is very different from the previous closure period back last year where we were all learning and putting things in place quickly. We have worked very hard as a phase to develop learning and teaching to provide the best experiences possible for the children to engage and progress in their knowledge and skills. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and for your efforts with our children.

Like everything, we are developing and changing to make the experience as best as we can for both you and your child. We listen to all feedback from you and as staff, we have regular discussions on this feedback. As a result things are changed for the better. We are very proud of the work we are producing for you to engage in and feel that recorded video's allow flexibility and for a child to play back learning so that they absolutely understand. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some exciting and new developments and clarify what is expected of you in order that you are clear. We sent out an 'Expectations' document which goes through all learning provided and states exactly what you should do at home. We hope that this will have clarified things for you. We will re-send this out to you also, please take time to read this. There is wonderful work shared on Twitter each week, please take the time to view this!

We are all here to support you and help you with anything you need. To contact staff, use the questions tab on the left side of your child's Team. Teachers are online every day during working hours and will be answering all queries and question. Please use this facilities no matter how big or small your question may be. Please do not e-mail staff directly. I have placed my e-mail for general queries on all correspondence, feel free to contact me at any time with any queries you may have [keyk2@hwbcymru.net](mailto:keyk2@hwbcymru.net).



## **Assignment Changes**

We understand that many of you have work commitments, be it from home or on site in your workplace and recognize that many of you will need to plan your week supporting your child with their learning around what works for your family. For this reason, you may have noticed that all assignments (work set) are open until 6 pm the following Sunday. This will give you plenty of flexibility and time to finish all work. Unfortunately, there has to be an end time and for this reason, staff will mark and give feedback to children on work that is submitted up until Sunday (when the assignment is closed). We feel that everyone can start each week fresh on a Monday and this will also give an opportunity to award the children points for completing work and be included in the weekly leaderboard.

This week you will have noticed that staff have added a 'Daily Do's assignment. This will be uploaded every Monday and will include basic literacy and numeracy skills that we teach every morning. Your child should spend 10 to 20 minutes per day working on this. The basic skills included in this will make a real impact on your child's skills which will help them develop and progress basic skills in all areas of the curriculum. We have included ideas for you to practise these skills in a fun way. Each week the Powerpoint will follow the same format but key learning will change!

## **Knowledge Organisers**

We will be putting this term's knowledge organizer online very soon! This will give children the opportunity to practice skills and engage in learning opportunities at their level in all areas of the curriculum over and will allow more opportunities for independent learning. This will give them an opportunity to further their learning if they wish and earn extra points!

## **Online Reading**

We have just purchased an online subscription to Oxford Owls which is part of the Oxford Reading Tree and books are levelled the same, including the higher levels for our Key Stage 2 pupils. This will enable the children to read online in a meaningful, fun and supportive way as we are mindful that you may be



running out of books at home. We will be sending you your online log in for your child when it becomes available to us, watch this space!

### **Live Weekly Microsoft Teams 'Check Ins'**

Lastly, feedback from the children when they returned to school from the last lockdown was that they missed their teacher and friends. We will be starting weekly 'Check in' sessions with the children on Teams. This will be a live session. There are strict control measures that we have had to put in place for safeguarding purposes and these will be sent to you in a parent agreement following this letter. You will also be sent a form via e-mail that you will need to complete in order for your child to participate. If this is not completed your child will not be allowed to join the session. The first session we are expecting to be quite different for the children, please take time at home to read through all the information with the children. Tomorrow's session the teacher will focus on getting the children used to live Teams sessions.

These sessions will usually take place every Monday at a set time (see below). Teachers will be presenting pupil of the week during this session, going over learning from the previous week and motivating the pupils for the forthcoming week, explaining learning. We will also be sending our phase policy for live lessons.

| <b>Year Group:</b>      | <b>Session Times:</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Foundation Phase</b> |                       |
| Nursery                 | 10.15- 10.30 am       |
| Reception               | 10.34- 11.00 am       |
| Year 1                  | 11.15- 11.30 am       |
| Year 2-                 | 11.45- 12.00 am       |
| <b>Key Stage 2</b>      |                       |
| Year 3                  | 1.10- 1.25 pm         |
| Year 4                  | 1.30- 1.45 pm         |
| Year 5                  | 2.00- 2.15 pm         |
| Year 6                  | 2.30- 2.45 pm         |



*Please note- we have staggered session times as we understand that families may be sharing devices.*

## **Rewarding your child**

To promote home learning and give the children an incentive to complete tasks, teachers will be awarding positive points to children that engage in learning and hand in work. Children will be aiming to achieve +5 points a day completing all work set, with exceptional points being awarded for children that are going above and beyond in their learning. Teachers will also give out Seren Yr Wythnos (Pupil of the Week) with an extra +5 points being awarded for this. Children will also be awarded points for weekly 'Daily Do's' learning, completing their daily Doodle Maths work and soon, daily reading! Obviously additional points will also be added to pupils completing extra work from their knowledge organiser.

The school **REWARD SHOP** is now set up, where the children can exchange their positive points for a range of prizes. Small prize (+50 points) examples are stationary accessories/ stickers/ toys/ small games, with the biggest prize (+900 points) being trampoline park vouchers! Children will be able to purchase their prizes when they return to school. A Powerpoint showing this has been uploaded to your child's team yesterday. Again please take the time to share this with your child. Every Monday, a Primary Phase Class Leader Board will be uploaded to teams as a competition to see which class earn the most positive points in a week.

## **Classcharts App**

Please make sure you have downloaded the app. If you do not have your child and parent log in details, please contact the school immediately. You will need this to keep track of points and attitude and behaviours that your child is presenting in school and engaging with online learning at home.

## **Assembly**

There will be a weekly assembly for your child to listen to/watch upload by myself each week. These will follow a range of themes to help the children with their mental well-being. If you feel that your child is struggling during



these times please contact me, we are here for you. Alternatively, on the Classcharts app there is a 'Well-being' icon where your child can send their teacher a message on how they are feeling and write a message, please encourage your child to use this.

### **Pupils with Additional Learning Needs**

If your pupil is on an IEP or an IBP, they will be sent activities each Friday to meet these targets. We will be sending out a separate letter explaining this to you.

### **Keep in Touch- Support we Offer**

As you are probably aware as a school we run a food bank, provide weekly hampers to parents and provide stationary, amongst many other things. We understand that many families may be finding life difficult. Please do not struggle in silence, we are here to help and also have access to many agencies. Please ring or e-mail if you need any support at all. We all need help at different times in our lives!

As always, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Kate Key  
Primary Phase Leader