



Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for your efforts this week. The teachers have enjoyed seeing the work that the children have been doing at home. We have put some work on the class pages. Have a look! [Llantilio Pertholey CV Primary School](https://www.llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk/)

Thanks you for your comments and feedback this week. The teachers have shared these with me. Wellbeing Wednesday seems to have been well received as have the video clips of teachers each day talking and teaching the children.

Remember that you can always email the school if you have further queries.

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Welsh Government Guidance asks for a blended approach to home learning. This could include learning from paper resources, videos, pre-recorded sessions and live-teaching. There are safeguarding issues to live teaching and reports are concluding that live teaching isn't always the best of quality. I have spoken to my primary colleagues and most are not offering live teaching. However, a few are offering a short live wellbeing check-in session. We will be trialling this this week for our Year 6 pupils. Pupils will have the opportunity to chat in small groups to their friends, their class teacher and an additional member of staff. **It is very important that pupils have a grown up with them whilst they are in these online meetings.** Mr Langdon is organising this with his class and will be sending a link so that pupils can attend. All being well, we will then move to our Year 3, 4 and 5 classes the following week.

School work will continue to be uploaded by Sunday evening **onto the website for the week** for those parents who need it. ***The same work*** will then be uploaded **daily via SeeSaw.**

On the school website you will also find a selection of library books and levelled reading books. We also have a page of useful websites for each subject that your child may use if they are keen and want to do more! It's all under 'Class Learning at school and at home'. One page they may enjoy is:

[OTHER INTERESTING WEBSITES AND APPS | Lpps \(llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk\)](https://www.llantiliopertholeyvc.monmouthshire.sch.uk/)

If you know of any other exciting websites children might like on the website then please let us know!

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I must say, once again, that we do understand that many of you are trying to juggle online learning often with more than one child with work and running a house. We do appreciate that this is not easy. Many of the staff are doing the same. I have heard reports from some of my headteacher colleagues of parents saying they are feeling guilty because they aren't doing all of the work, some have even reported parents crying on the telephone! I really do not want any of our parents feeling that way. Please **do not stress yourself or let your child worry** about completing **all** of the work. **Just do what you can.** It is important to keep learning happening but sometimes it is just more important to put school work away and go for a walk or to play a board game or to bake a cake. If you are a working parent try not to worry about your child falling behind. We will support them. That's our job.

I have not asked teachers to contact children though phone calls as we did previously. Children and teachers are communicating through SeeSaw. However, if you or your child would like to talk to your child's teacher then send them a message through SeeSaw and they will be *more than happy* to call you.

I am concerned that some children and families are struggling with access to IT equipment. I continue to work on procuring more equipment. I know that we canvassed you a while back regarding devices but please would you complete this short questionnaire so I have up-to-date information on the needs of our families.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k-uHN5fpp4xKm4Bbg6OYlwJUMkZIQjRYUjNHSFhJTlIFOUUySVc1TkI1Ni4u

BT have announced free mobile for data for families in need during lockdown. Please click on the link for more information. [BT announces 'Lockdown Learning' support scheme for kids and families](#)

Could I please remind you that if you have any queries please could you **email** the school. We are trying to reduce the number of members of staff in school. We may not be able to answer the phone or listen to phone messages. However, emails are able to be monitored away from school.

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For your information the children in the hub are completing the same work as all other children in their class who are at home. Our wonderful teaching assistants are looking after the children in bubbles of one or two year groups depending on numbers. For those that are accessing the hub, just a reminder that we are only open 8.45am-3.45pm. Children should only be in school if there is no alternative and for the minimum of time. Children who are registered are able to arrive at any time of the day and leave at any time of the day. Not all children should be here for the whole day from 8.45am-3.45pm unless you are working for the whole day. Hot meals are available for those in school as per the menu. You do not need to book your place each week as we did during the last lockdown. Thank you for your support with this.

The website also has information of other agencies that may be of support to you. Please remember to be kind to yourself and to be kind to others. Let's pray that this will all be over soon.

Best wishes,

(headteacher)

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