



# Llantilio Pertholey Church in Wales Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! We started off on Monday looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday and ended the week with another national lockdown with schools being closed to most pupils potentially until half term or beyond.

Please could I just mention that schools are finding out about the changes through the media when the general public are told. We do not have any prior knowledge of decisions made that effect schools. We then have to liaise with the local authority. Thank you for your patience for us responding to those changes and how they effect our school.

We now know schools will not re-open for some weeks. I have met with teachers today (remotely) and we have reviewed our plans. The work that is planned for the children is uploaded onto the website and is sent to individuals via SeeSaw. We have discussed the possibility of 'live lessons' and 'live check-ins' with groups of children: we have concluded that these are not possible for all sorts of reasons at this time. We will review this in the coming weeks. I have, however, asked teachers to include a short clip of them speaking in some capacity for the work each day so at least the children will be able to hear the teacher's voice.

Some people have asked for the learning to be put up weekly to fit it with your home life. This seemed to work well during the previous lockdown. I have asked the teachers to do their 'best' next week to accommodate this but to make sure that certainly from 18th January, the work is uploaded **for the week onto the website** for those parents who need it. The daily work will then be uploaded **each day via SeeSaw**.

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 appreciate that this is not easy. 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 and please prioritise maths and literacy.

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 foreach 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'.

We have decided to introduce 'Wellbeing Wednesday'. It is important that children have some time away from screens and devices. I have asked teachers to plan work for health and wellbeing and open-ended topic work. Children will not be expected to SeeSaw any work in and teachers will not be expected to respond to SeeSaw on a Wednesday. It is really important to promote a good work/life balance.

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Again, I would like to highlight that we understand that this is not an easy situation for many of us. Home learning and distance teaching is a challenge for all! Please make sure that your child sends at least some work through the week to their teacher. It is not mandatory to do everything but it is mandatory to do something. Please be assured that we are here for you if you are experiencing any difficulties with the technology or the work itself.

I am afraid that we do not have any more IT equipment to loan to families at present. All of the available laptops have gone to our most needy pupils. I am working to procure more equipment and will ask for families in need if I am successful.

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.

Look after yourself and your families. If you need us, we are here for you.

Best wishes,

(headteacher)

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