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Online learning during the school closure until the 18th January

This letter is available to translate on our YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/Xs1IVriYAws>

A Happy New Year to you all!

The Welsh Government have decided that all schools will not open for face to face teaching until January 18th at the earliest. During this period, all schools in Wales will offer online learning for pupils.

All pupil activities/work will be shared on your child's Hwb account. (A video showing you how to log on is available at <https://youtu.be/iOTFkfq0ev4>)

Your child's teacher will contact you today via Hwb email to outline the arrangements for your child's class. There will be a learning menu for the week which includes things that must be done daily and a selection of activities to be completed during the week. Your child's teacher will explain how they will send the work to you and how you will be expected to return completed activities/work.

Teachers will make regular phone calls to you to see how you are and how your child's home learning is progressing. They will provide any help and support you may need.

Each teacher will send you a daily video which will explain the learning and offer the opportunity for your child to see their teacher virtually.

There are also a number of 'how to' videos on our YouTube channel (St. Helen's Primary Swansea Official) which show you how to use Hwb, Microsoft Teams, Reading Buddy and My Maths etc. These can be found at:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtnwz5FTWB7s-eqp9C3aKA>

You received your child's log in details for all these sites back in September and again in December. If you have lost them, please email your child's class teacher.

The class teacher emails are:

Nursery = CerasuoloD1@Hwbcymru.net

Reception = JefferyK@Hwbcymru.net

Year 1 = BegumN346@Hwbcymru.net

Year 2 = CleaveD2@Hwbcymru.net

Year 3 = SudburyT2@Hwbcymru.net

Year 4 = GriffithsR475@Hwbcymru.net

Year 5 = StevensE21@Hwbcymru.net

Year 6 = LoweJ11@Hwbcymru.net

Assembly

9am – There will be a recorded assembly with me every day to access at 9am as if the children were in school. This will be available daily on our YouTube channel.

Daily exercise

All pupils should exercise daily, a good resource is:

Online exercise session with Jo Wicks

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLOpd4VxBuxu3sLztrvWFehzv-LnR2c>

or

<https://cosmickids.com/>

Your child will need your help and support during this period. It will be a genuine partnership between school and home. I know this may be difficult, but it is essential you work with the school to ensure your child does not miss out on education.

Please do not panic and worry, we are here to help and make sure your child and you are supported during this period away from school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or me (ThompsonM28@Hwbcymru.net). You will receive regular catch-up telephone calls during this time to see how you are getting on with the home learning.



Critical Workers

We will be open during this period for emergency childcare for critical workers. This will operate between 8:50am and 3:20 pm. The definition of a critical worker can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-critical-key-workers-test-eligibility>

There will not be any school meals provided and any child using this facility will need to bring their own healthy packed lunch.

Free school meals

For those pupils who are entitled to free school meals, you should have been contacted via email by the council to set up a direct payment to you.

Please keep safe and hopefully we shall see you all back in school soon,

Mr. M.S. Thompson
Headteacher

