



# St. Helen's Primary School & Cygnets Flying Start

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## Learning for next week – school closure on 11<sup>th</sup> December

Swansea Council have decided that all primary schools in Swansea will close to nearly all learners today and learning will move online next week. The children will finish their online learning on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is not intended to be an extended Christmas holiday and your child will be expected to stay at home and engage with the activities provided by their teachers during the school day.

This week would not have been a 'normal' week in school and the children would have been undertaking lots of fun Christmas activities. The activities posted for you online will reflect this. Your child will receive a menu of activities to undertake during the week, this will vary from class to class.

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

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/UCqtnwz5FTWB7s-eqp9C3aKA>

Y2-Y6 pupils will be expected to read daily on the Reading Buddy account. (A video showing you how to log on is available at <https://youtu.be/nTIqs5Drw-c> )

Not all the available books on Oxford reading buddy will be suitable for younger children so I recommend that you look at the website



[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and register there. You can use their Read Write Inc pages to support your child's learning.

In Y2-Y6 pupils may have their Maths work allocated online via a website called My Maths. (A video showing you how to log on is available at <https://youtu.be/GEpYBPp7Iic> )

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

The class teacher emails are:

Nursery = [CerasuoloD1@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:CerasuoloD1@Hwbcymru.net)

Reception = [JefferyK@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:JefferyK@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 1 = [BegumN346@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:BegumN346@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 2 = [CleaveD2@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:CleaveD2@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 3 = [SudburyT2@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:SudburyT2@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 4 = [FredricksonN@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:FredricksonN@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 5 = [StevensE21@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:StevensE21@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 6 = [LoweJ11@Hwbcymru.net](mailto: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 week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or me. You will receive a catch-up telephone call during the week to see how you are getting on with the home learning.



## Critical Workers

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

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

This will not be like school as there will be strict social distancing in place between pupils and staff. All pupils and staff will remain at least 2m away from one another. Please only use this facility unless absolutely necessary. The advice to shut the schools has been made by the council due to rapidly rising Covid19 cases and the 10- day rule of isolation before Christmas.

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

You can indicate your child will need this facility by filling in the online form at:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5ky\\_wis5ixMmhguxC0hs2hUN0RES DhHUUFMNjNPMVU3VkrPV0pTQ1hYQI4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5ky_wis5ixMmhguxC0hs2hUN0RES DhHUUFMNjNPMVU3VkrPV0pTQ1hYQI4u)

## 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.

## A fond farewell to Mrs. Fredrickson

Due to the announcement by the council, today will be Mrs. Fredrickson's last day with the children. As you know, Mrs. Fredrickson has given 25 years of her life to the children of this community. She has been a first- class teacher, culminating in her winning a prestigious Pearson Teaching Award, the Oscars of teaching in 2018. She has been an inspirational leader, friend and constant source of support for us all. She will be sorely missed but will make an excellent Headteacher at Hafod. The successes of this school have her fingerprints all over them. She will return in the new year for a special assembly so that we can give her a proper St. Helen's send- off but I'm sure you will offer her your kindest wishes when you see her today. Good luck Miss!!!

Thank you for your support as always, school will start back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

I wish you all a very safe and peaceful festive season,

Mr. M.S. Thompson  
Headteacher

