



Today's Learning for Tomorrow's Stars Belief, Opportunity, Expectations

8th January 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and have managed to spend time with family, in line with Covid -19 government guidance.

It's certainly not the start to 2021 or the return to school that we were all hoping for!

I am sure you will have heard the latest announcement from Welsh Government that schools are to remain closed for most learners until at least 29th January 2021.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-55581949>

Our Blended Learning Strategy

Most children will now be learning from home. This will continue until we are notified of a return to school date. The format for learning from home is set out in our Implementing Distance Learning document. This can be found on our website glasllwch.primary@newport.gov.uk under [Online Office, Covid-19 information](#). This document outlines how synchronous and asynchronous learning will take place whilst the whole cohort are home learning.

Resources and tools to support you at home with Blended Learning can also be found on our website under [Curriculum, Blended Learning](#).

Teachers and support staff are providing daily learning opportunities for all children.

We absolutely recognise how hard it is for those of you who are juggling working from home with supporting home learning. Teachers and Support Staff will continue to provide PowerPoint presentations, PowerPoint presentations with voice overs, voice messages, tutorials, comprehensive explanations as well as 'live learning' sessions to support you at home.

Having said of all the above, our main focus is the health, safety and wellbeing of our whole school community. This continues to be an incredibly challenging time for everyone and we are working hard to provide as much support as we can in as many ways as we can. Please do not feel guilty if the day does not go to plan or if, occasionally, your child doesn't get their learning done. Make the most of spending this time with your loved ones and do whatever is necessary to keep safe and well, not just physically but emotionally and mentally too.

We will be reviewing our practice on a weekly basis to evaluate learner engagement as well as the effectiveness of the learning we are providing. We will also be asking for your feedback which, as always, will feed into any developments.

Wellbeing Contact Calls

Periodically, Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be telephoning you, as a wellbeing check in, to ensure you are all well and to ask if there is anything else we can do to help you.

You will also be contacted if learners are regularly not engaging in their learning. Once again this will be to see if we can support and help in any way.



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Hub

School remains open for the children of essential key worker families and identified vulnerable learners. Application to the hub can be made by emailing the school. Please only apply for a place in the hub as a very last resort. There are a limited number of places, to ensure the safety of all children and staff.

Positive Cases

Please continue to notify school if anyone in your household has a positive test result. We still need to notify the LA.

Thank you for your continued support in this hugely challenging time. Please don't hesitate in contacting us if there is anything further that we can support you with.

Best regards and stay safe,

C. M. Jackson and staff.