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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we are almost at the end of Week 3 of Remote Learning, I would like to say how pleased I am at the pupils' engagement over the past few weeks. I know how difficult it must be for you as parents and wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you are doing in supporting your child at this very challenging time. Your home is not your child's classroom and you will have your own commitments and pressures, however, I think that how you have adapted incredibly well to the current circumstances and this is credit to you.

The First Minister has confirmed that:

'Welsh Government will bring the decision-making on schools and colleges into line with the 3 week review timetable on 29th January. This means that learners will continue to learn remotely and vulnerable children and children of critical workers will have access to on-site provision, until then. At that point, unless the rates of community transmission in Wales reduce significantly by 29th January, most students in schools and colleges will continue working remotely until February half-term.'

As soon as we are in a position to let you know more news on the opening of schools we will let you know.

Our teachers are working incredibly hard to make Home Learning more fun and engaging for the children with video clips and I am sure that the children are enjoying seeing these. They are also rapidly developing their own IT skills and have been working with the pupils when they were in school to navigate the HWB platform and utilise it effectively, in the case of any further disruption to their face-to-face teaching. It is so encouraging to see how many pupils are engaging in their learning via HWB including many of our youngest pupils in the school. The video and audio clips for each class can be played and replayed at times that are convenient for you, especially if you are working from home and possibly have other children who may be sharing devices. This we feel is a more effective way of engaging the children and enables them to access their learning at a time which suits you. If you encounter any difficulties at all, there are staff present at school every day, should you need to make contact to discuss anything throughout this period. We are here to support you and want nothing more than to be back at school with all our staff and pupils together. We are fully committed to putting plans in place when it is safe for us all to do so. Thank you once again for your continued patience and support.

Kind Regards

Hayley Burrows
Head Teacher



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