

Annwyl Rieni / Dear Parents,

As you can all hopefully appreciate, this has been, and remains to be a particularly stressful and worrying time for everyone not least for our children. Their well-being is always our top priority, and remains so during this unprecedented situation.

Children should be encouraged to do tasks daily but it is more important to us for them to come to terms with what is happening and why their daily/weekly routine has changed. Discussing this with your children would be beneficial. I know staff had covered a lot of this before the closure of the school. Links to relevant websites are included in a folder 'Wellbeing' on the [Google drive](#) and will be updated on a regular basis.

Staff were asked to create learning packs for this first fortnight and told to 'hold fire' on work for the 'Easter break' as we were unsure how this would look. Staff have already been asked to update the learning packs with ideas and activities for your children, on a weekly basis, from 06.04.20. However, from this date we would like you to access their work through their named class folder. This will allow staff to set more specific tasks rather than the generic activities set so far. Within each class folder your child will be able to choose the level of challenge they would like to attempt, where appropriate, through the starred challenges. 1 star being the least challenge. The link to the Google drive can be found on our website: [iforhael.cymru](http://iforhael.cymru) under the heading 'Newyddion/News'. Staff have been keeping in touch with their pupils through Purple Mash '2email' and 'ToDo tasks'. This will continue. Please encourage your children to check 'alerts' and emails regularly.

We appreciate that keeping children engaged in their learning whilst at home is not going to be easy and so we have prepared content for your child that can be completed either independently or with adult support. We have tried to be mindful that not everyone has access to a printer or scanner. Currently, we will not be marking the work and won't ask you to post anything to us as this would be a logistical nightmare for all. However, staff are sending emails to pupils through Purple Mash. Going forward, we hope to set up a system, whereby our pupils will be able to submit work and receive feedback from staff. We're also keeping in touch with you through our Twitter account [@iforhael](https://twitter.com/iforhael).

Also, please check Google drive and Schoop messages regularly as staff will be adding new folders, tasks, links and notifications regularly from 06.04.20.

We would also like to tell you about the websites listed below which you may find useful. Many companies are offering all of their content for free to support families during school closures.

My staff are also manning the Monnow Hub as key workers and are doing a fantastic job in order to support our NHS and other key workers. Well done and 'Diolch' to you all!

Finally, we hope you stay safe and well during the upcoming weeks. We will do our best to keep in touch with you all and provide the children with as much support as possible to further their learning. If you have any queries, I am accessing school emails on a daily basis: [ysgifo@newport.gov.uk](mailto:ysgifo@newport.gov.uk).

Kind regards to you all,

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[www.whiterosemaths.com/resources/schemes-of-learning/primary-sols/](http://www.whiterosemaths.com/resources/schemes-of-learning/primary-sols/)  
[www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeindex.htm](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeindex.htm)  
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