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Dear families,

We are currently experiencing difficult times as a nation. I am sure you all agree that we all realise, more than ever, the importance of our health and wellbeing. I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

At this time of year, we would normally be in the middle of a very comprehensive transition programme for year 6 pupils. However, with schools closed to pupils and open instead as emergency childcare provisions, things are not quite as they would be. I felt that it is long overdue that I contact you to reassure pupils and parents alike, that you are most certainly in our thoughts! At Dŵr y Felin, transition has always been of the utmost importance. The consideration we give to ensure that every pupil feels welcome within the school community and ready to start as new pupils in the school is, as Estyn said, "exemplary". This year will be no different. Actually, on reflection, it will be different. Transition will be **even** more important to us than ever before!

We have recently received confirmation of pupils who have been offered a place at Dŵr y Felin School for September 2020. We are delighted that you and your child have chosen to continue their education with us. We understand that this is both an exciting and anxious time for the young people and aim to ensure that all pupils feel happy and prepared to start life in their new school.

We would usually invite pupils to visit us during the summer term and depending on the announcements of the Welsh Government, this may still be possible. I am in regular contact with the Headteachers of the primary schools of all pupils who have been accepted at Dŵr y Felin, and we all agree that we will be flexible and proactive to ensure that all children are best supported over the coming months. If there is a chance for pupils to visit, we will work together to ensure this happens. We would also have been meeting with staff and pupils to get to know each other. The meetings with staff have continued, but we will have to look at alternative ways to communicate with the children.

In the first instance, we have decided to bring the school to you! We have made a series of short videos to remind you of the school, its buildings and its people. In our first video, we have brought together a few photos of some of the staff that pupils are likely to meet on arrival. These include the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Knight as the Head of Year and her Team of Form Tutors. The link to the video can be found here: [Dŵr y Felin Staff](#). Over the coming weeks, we will also share videos of the buildings and the school surroundings.

We also have published a series of Newsletters this term which illustrate some of the many talents of the pupils at Dwr y Felin as well as some of the many fantastic opportunities your child will have at the school. The [Newsletters](#) are on our school website. You can also keep up to date with school events following us on Twitter [@dwryfelin](#) [@Dyf_Transition](#) and on Facebook facebook.com/dwryfelinschool.

Other tips and advice for you, as parents and families, will be shared closer to the end of term. Sadly, the meetings with large groups of parents that we would hold annually will not be possible, but I hope that we can meet soon. Our partnership is vital in ensuring the smooth transition for your child as well as supporting their progress to achieve their best and to be the best young person they can be during their time at Dŵr y Felin.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above contact details.

Yours faithfully,

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