



Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that The First Minister has announced an extension to the closure of schools to a majority of children. At this school, we are working hard to develop our blended learning approaches and fully understand the challenges families and staff face, with online devices and internet connection being the most common (Please contact us if this is the case).

We will start face to face 'check-in' sessions from next Monday, 11th January. These sessions will be an opportunity for all children to have face to face discussions with their teachers, discuss their learning for the day and see their friends.

We fully understand the pressures that parents are under but ask that children engage as much as possible. It is expected that all children should access the blended learning tasks every day. The 'check-in' sessions are additional opportunities for face to face academic and wellbeing support.

Each class teacher will offer two face to face sessions per day (times set out below). Children can attend one or both. **A guide on how to access these sessions (through MS Teams) accompanies this letter.**

Mrs Jones 5/6J: 9:15 and 1:15

Mrs Stinton / Mrs Lewis 4/5SL: 10:00 and 2:00

Mrs Palmer 3/4P: 9:30 and 1:30

Mrs Cook / Miss McCarthy 1/2C: 9:45 and 1:45

Mrs Coxshall R/1C: 10:15 and 2:15

Mrs Morgan/Miss McCarthy Reception: 10:30 and 2:30

The Local Authority and Welsh Government have highlighted the importance of children engaging with the online learning every day. As a school, we hope children will also engage with these 'check in' sessions. Registers have to be filled in every day and a child can only be marked as present or 'engaging' in learning if they have completed some online work and/or have been in one (or both) of the 'check-in' sessions.

**** Safeguarding information**** Children must be fully dressed, not in their bedrooms and have an adult in the room. These sessions will be monitored by another member of staff at all times.

The school appreciates your support. If you have any problems with accessing Teams etc, please let us know. Don't panic!! Likewise, please bear with us if there are issues with technology at this end. We must continue to work together in such unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely, A Faulkner