



# Llangiwg Primary School

## Ysgol Gynradd Llangiwg



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have all heard this morning that schools will be closed until January 29th and then reviewed. If the rates of community transmission remain high pupils will continue learning remotely until February half term.

This is such sad news for all involved, we want the children back in school learning with us here, however we need to listen and stay home to protect one another.

As a school, we have decided that we are going to introduce two new Facebook pages. One for year 5/6 and one for year 4/5. We have already got established pages for other classes and they work extremely well. Text messages will be sent out to classes when these are established and these will inform you how to join the page.

Parents will have to join the Facebook pages and not children. School administrators will not allow a pupil to join the group.

All Facebook pages will be used by teachers and teaching assistants to communicate with the pupils. Staff will be uploading pre-recorded lesson introductions, general information, and instructions. The pages will also be useful for frequently asked questions and to celebrate pupil's work.

We know a high percentage of our parents are also working from home and have their work commitments. We have decided recorded messages will have greater success and higher interaction from the pupils. Parents will be able to view the recording at any time, allowing parents to support their child at a time that suits them. We really do understand how difficult it is to home school children of all ages, as many of the staff are parents and facing the same challenging tasks.

We are encouraging older pupils to communicate with their class teachers via HWB as well and using their emails to send work back to their teacher for feedback. Staff will be working very hard to engage with your child. As I mentioned in my previous letter, staff will also be teaching in the school hub, so immediate responses may not be viable at times.

For the coming week, we will be setting work in our usual way. We will refer you to excellent websites and resources to help the children complete their tasks. Please be patient with us, as we are researching many alternative ways to support your child, which will be well received by all families.

Class planning for the children will be uploaded every Sunday evening on the school website and in the home learning section.

Office staff will be remotely working for some of the time, so please feel free to ring our school mobile number on 07561687696.

Thank you for your continued support, we are having to adapt to new guidance at a quick pace with very short notice.

Kind Regards,

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