



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I am writing to provide you with an update on the part the school is playing during these unprecedented times. During the first fortnight, we have been providing childcare for key workers. Numbers have been low and I must thank you for heeding the advice of the Government to keep pupils home if possible. We have also been providing grab bags for pupils entitled to free school meals. In addition, we have been able to supply Morriston Hospital with over 160 pairs of well needed safety goggles which I know was much appreciated.

For the Easter fortnight Ysgol Bae Baglan will be a hub in order to provide continued support to children of key workers. Provision has been put in place for pupils of Ysgol Bae Baglan and eight local primary schools. I am grateful to all the staff who have volunteered to help out during the Easter period. At the moment, no final decision has been made by the Local Education Authority as to what provision will be in place after Easter. From Monday 6th April the grab bag system will change to a direct payment by the Local Education Authority.

Staff have worked tirelessly to provide work for pupils over the last fortnight and credit must go to them and yourselves for trying to embrace distance learning in these difficult times. I would like to echo what Kirsty Williams the Education Minister for Wales said this week about parents giving themselves and pupils a break as trying to keep on top of all the work is understandably difficult. We are not trying to maintain a full curriculum but provide some work to help your child's education. There will be no formal work set for the Easter fortnight therefore as I feel it is important that staff, pupils and parents have a break for the sake of everybody's wellbeing. I am sure there is some work that has not yet been completed that you can choose to do if you so wish. We will continue to work on developing distance learning procedures and whilst I appreciate the messages of support the school has received over the last two weeks, we are also listening and responding to your suggestions.

As far as the awarding of exam results is concerned, Ofqual have just released the latest guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers and this can be found in the latest news section on our website.

Finally, on behalf of all my staff and Governing Body, I would like to wish you well.

Take care.

Richard Rees
Headteacher