



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Information regarding distance learning (learning from home)

Distance learning is new to us all and it can be daunting trying to get our heads around it. In light of this, we have been working with our School Improvement Partners (GwE) in preparing a distance learning strategy that will help guide the learning between our teachers and learners, supported by you as parents during this difficult time.

The main priority for our distance learning strategy is the well-being of our learners, you their parents and our staff in school. Our advice to you is to be kind to yourself and your children. These are unusual times and we know that you will do your best to support your children's learning but please don't stress about it, do what you can and do what is right for your children.

Our aim is to support our learners to remain fit, healthy and have a positive attitude towards life and learning. It is not reasonable to expect home learning to mirror the experiences which your children get at school. With this in mind, our distance learning provision will aim to enrich your children's current knowledge and understanding through developing their skills and retrieving previous learning. Where and when appropriate (e.g. Year 10 and Year 12) bridging units will be provided to support the return to school studies. We want our distance learning to foster the love of life-long learning and to be an enjoyable experience that helps your children to develop their creativity, their curiosity and their social skills.

Your children can continue to access their work from the Work Zone section of the Ysgol Eirias website. A variety of learning resources can be found here for every subject, including games and activities to help strengthen their key skills. We encourage communication between your children and their teachers, we understand how important it is that our learners know that we are still there for them during this period of distance learning. Staff email addresses can be found on the 'How to contact your teacher' part of the school website. We ask specifically that your children regularly check their school email as their teachers will be checking in with them through this communication method. Please refer to the 'Stay in Touch' section of the school website for further guidance on how to contact staff and how to plan your days.

We recognise that when your children return to school, we have a responsibility to identify where they are in their learning and to respond accordingly. Please be assured that we are regularly discussing ways forward to ensure that your children are supported in the best way that we can under the current circumstances. Please contact us at school if you have any concerns or suggestions. We welcome any feedback: we are all in this together.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Sutton

Headteacher

