



December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

You will by now be aware of the announcement made yesterday afternoon by the Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams, outlining that all Secondary Schools in Wales should move to remote learning from Monday 14th December until the end of term.

As a school we were sorry to hear this announcement and whilst fully supporting the rationale behind this national effort to reduce transmission of Covid-19 in times of rising case numbers, we were none the less disappointed to have to move to remote learning next week.

Our teaching staff will now work hard to prepare and upload material to MS Teams as in the previous 'firebreak'. Staff will be available every lesson for engagement, collaboration or live delivery and as such, pupils should follow their normal timetable of lessons. All work should be uploaded as directed by staff for marking and feedback.

As before, pupils will be expected to 'check in' with their form tutor for registration and be 'present' for all lessons.

Today, we will outline our expectations of online learning to our pupils; this being particularly important for our Year 7 and Year 8 learners who may not have engaged with online learning to this extent.

It may be that your child misses planned in-class assessments next week. Please reassure your child, they should not be concerned about this. The assessments were planned for teaching and learning purposes only to enable us to plan support accordingly. These progress checks may be delivered remotely or be re-scheduled.

Our pastoral and wellbeing team of staff will also be in touch with your child over the course of next week. Families in receipt of a free school meal will receive a direct payment into their bank account.

Please contact school if you have difficulties with access to technology, we will be able to help. The school will be fully staffed as usual next week so do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any help.





I would like to reassure you that the continuity of learning and support of your child continues to be of the highest priority for us; I continue to be very grateful for your support. I wish you a happy, healthy and safe festive period.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs S Sutton
HEADTEACHER**

