



20 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer/Learner,

Following the announcement made yesterday by the First Minister regarding the national 'firebreak' I write to confirm details for the week beginning Monday 2nd November – the second of the two designated firebreak weeks.

Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 should attend school as usual.

Pupils in Years 9 to 13 should remain at home. Please note that external examinations due to take place during this week will **still** go ahead.

For these year groups all online learning provision will take place through MS Teams. All pupils have been taught how to use this facility.

Pupils will be expected to start every day at 8:45 where there will be 'check in' with the Form Tutor. This may take the form of a live session with the tutor or through an interactive engagement through the Teams class. Please note that Monday period 1 is a designated pastoral /form tutor period.

Pupils will be expected to follow their usual timetabled lessons. Teaching staff will be available for each scheduled lesson either through live delivery or through engagement via the Teams class channel.

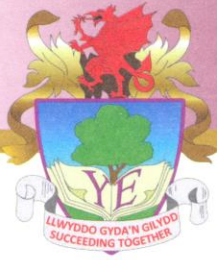
Our staff will now be working hard to upload resources, prepare live lessons, record lessons and organise assessments.

Pupils should ensure that all assignments are completed and uploaded for assessment and feedback. It is very important that the young people engage with this process in order to ensure that learning disruption is kept to a minimum. We will be following up any children that do not engage with their online provision and we are very much relying on your support with this matter.

Please contact the school at general@eirias.conwy.sch.uk if you have any difficulties with access to equipment or broadband; we will be able to help.

Pupils in Year 10 and Year 11 following courses at Coleg Llandrillo should access and continue their work as instructed; tutors from Coleg Llandrillo will be online and available to support. Pupils in Year 12 and 13 following LINC courses should continue to access their courses remotely.





If your Year 9 to 13 child is in receipt of a Free School Meal, this provision will still continue. The Local Authority will manage this, and a further communication will follow.

I fully appreciate this is a concerning, stressful and anxious time for you and your child, especially if your child is due to sit examinations next summer 2021. Headteachers are expecting an announcement at the beginning of November regarding whether examinations will be going ahead and if not, what system will be used instead.

I should add at this point that school leaders have submitted their own recommendations to the Minister for Education as to their preferred course of action. I have also included the views of our all-important young people in this recommendation.

I would like to reassure you that we are working very hard to minimise disruption to your child's learning. I am also more than aware of the effect on wellbeing that periods of absence have as well; learning and wellbeing are at the forefront of our actions.

Please stay safe and wishing you again, a healthy and restful half term.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Sutton
HEADTEACHER

