



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to update you regarding the current situation in relation to the coronavirus outbreak. There is no doubt that these are difficult and trying times for us all in many different ways. We are committed to keeping you updated with the latest news from Welsh Government and the Local Authority.

As you are aware the situation has been changing rapidly, and our priority has been adjusting to the new purpose and responsibility schools have been given during this period. The Government has been clear that our role is now to provide emergency childcare to the children of key workers, where there is no alternative. Nevertheless, we are continuing to support all of our learners, those attending in person and those at home in the care of their families. Staff have been working hard at school and at home to provide home-learning opportunities over this last fortnight and we know many of you have been enjoying these activities. We can confirm that our emergency childcare provision will remain open for the children of keyworkers over the next fortnight and staff from both schools will be working together on a rota basis to enable this to happen. However, **no home-learning** will be provided or expected during this next fortnight as it is time for you to all enjoy spending time together during what would have ordinarily been the Easter holidays. We all have a hugely significant part to play in how our children will remember this part of their childhood. We must remember that what our children need at this moment is to feel comforted, loved and assured that everything is going to be ok.

The Welsh Government department of children's commissioner for Wales have set up an information hub:

<https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirus>

With regard to free school meals, those who are entitled can order by contacting Ysgol Y Foryd and collect from Kinmel Bay church – this system will continue over the next fortnight. If you are having financial difficulties, due to the impact of coronavirus on your work, and you think you may be now entitled to free school meals, please use the link below to apply for free school meals:

<https://www.conwy.gov.uk/en/Resident/Benefits-and-grants/Education-Benefits/assets/forms/Free-School-Meal-Form.aspx>

Also, if you are struggling at the moment with shopping, collecting medicines, etc. or know of someone in need during this difficult time please contact community support on 01492 575544 or email: conwylocalactiongroup@conwy.gov.uk

We have received immense positivity from our incredibly supportive school communities and we would like to thank you for the messages of thanks and support we have received and the understanding that has been shown.

We will finish by offering our sincere thanks to those working on the frontline. We are all in this together, two schools supporting each other and here if anybody needs us.

Kind regards and stay safe.

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