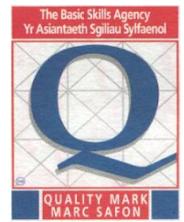


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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you and your family are remaining well and positive during these very difficult times. Although, very different from previous Easter breaks I also hope that you managed to share some enjoyable times together at home during this period of 'lockdown'. I know it's not easy but it is important for our routine that we see holidays, weekends and school term time distinguished in some small way.

During the period of school closures across Wales the Cleddau Reach staff will continue to work in partnership with you to provide as much continuity of learning as is possible in the current circumstances. Initial routines and procedures for each class were established when schools closed and it has been very encouraging to see how many of you have supported your children so well with the initial tasks that were set by each class teacher. We have also received some very positive feedback linked to the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 support booklets which are available on the letters page of our website and on the HWB.

Next week will be the start of the summer term and from Monday 20th April weekly suggestions for home based learning for each class will be placed on the HWB. Each week these plans will adapt the work planned for each class this term to a home learning situation. They will combine a range of independent learning tasks and some tasks where adult support is required.

Individual teachers will provide further guidance on how they and you can provide positive feedback and support the learning and wellbeing of your son / daughter. The main method of communication will continue to be through the HWB and you will be able to keep in touch with the class teacher through their HWB e-mail if you require further guidance. Year 5 and Year 6 will also be using Google Classroom. Staff will attempt to reply as quickly as is possible but as well as supporting the learning of their class they are also on a rota of support for the childcare needs of key workers within our Haverfordwest Hub Base of St. Mark's VA Primary School.

Although we do not know how long the period of school closures will last each member of staff will also provide an overview of the broad areas covered this term. In these ways we will aim to support and monitor the learning and well-being of our learners and families during these challenging times.



I know that you will want to work alongside us to support the home based learning of your child / children. However, I also fully appreciate that each home situation is different and parental support can be limited because of work, illness and other family commitments. If circumstances mean that your son / daughter is unable to complete all the weekly tasks set do not worry. All we ask is that you ensure your child does as much as possible in a way that minimises stress for them and for you. If your child has not managed to complete any work that was set for two of the previous four weeks, please e-mail your child's class teacher next week to discuss the reasons and any further support that can be provided.

I wish you and your family well in these uncertain times and look forward to a brighter future when we can welcome the children safely back into Cleddau Reach.

All the very best and a big thank you for everything you are doing to support learning at home,

Nick Groves