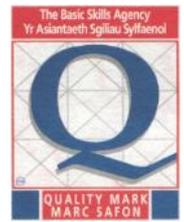


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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Coronavirus update

As you are aware Welsh Government announced yesterday afternoon that all schools across Wales will close from the end of the school day on Friday 20th March. The use of school buildings and staff to support the care of vulnerable learners and the children of key workers was also mentioned. However, at the time of writing this letter no practical details have been provided on how this will work.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. At Cleddau Reach each teacher has prepared guidance on learning resources children within each class can use at home to support their learning during the two weeks leading up until the planned Easter holiday. This information and any paper based work will be sent home tonight. For children who are currently unwell or absent for other reasons please try and arrange for somebody who is not unwell to collect the resources from school before 4pm on Friday. If this is not possible the digital resources will still be available and please contact the school if we can help in any way.

In these challenging times all schools will be required to follow the most up to date advice provided by Welsh Government. At present it is impossible to know how long schools across Wales will be closed for. However, if the closure of schools extends beyond the Easter holiday period staff will provide weekly guidance, via HWB and the school website, on activities the children can undertake at home. The plan is for this to begin on Monday 20th April and updates to be provided each following Monday until schools are informed that they are able to re-open.

During the time of school closures I am sure each family will work alongside the school to support the learning and well-being of each learner and use the wide range of resources which are becoming available.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

I am fully aware of what a difficult and unsettling time this is for our children, staff and all families. I wish you all the best during these worrying times. Any updated information will be provided on the letters page of our website and a paper update will also be provided tomorrow on any issues where further clarification is required from Welsh Government and Pembrokeshire County Council.

Wishing you all well,

Nick Groves

