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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on Teaching and Learning at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy. As you know, the Welsh Government recently announced that Years 9-13 will be distance learning in the week beginning 02/11/2020 until 6/11/2020.

The learners will return to school on Monday the 9th of November.




The following letter will share information with you regarding the arrangements for next week and a separate appendix will provide specific information for your son / daughter's school year.

Distance learning

I can assure you that the school staff will have adapted the learning plans to minimize disruption to your child's learning while distance learning.

- The approach we are adopting for the short restraint recognizes that older children are better able to commit to self-directed learning alongside structured learning and online teaching tasks.
- Pupils and staff will continue to follow their usual timetable, to avoid unnecessary workload and to ensure a daily routine for pupils to receive the work on Google Classroom and to continue work independently.
- The work will be structurally diverse with some tasks as presentations, others video clips with explanations and live streaming sessions. All of these have been supported with attachments and worksheets on Google Classroom.
- Teachers / staff will be available to respond to any concerns about the work through Google Classroom during the lesson period on the normal teaching timetable.
- Teachers will not be expected to work out of school hours in response to questions and to provide further guidance to learners. However, teachers when available and not teaching other classes will certainly be happy to respond to questions / give guidance within a reasonable time during the week.
- Although the work will be set and delivered according to the usual timetable - this will not mean that lesson times are required in terms of the completion of the work.
- Some learners may prefer to be more flexible during the day to maintain individual learning, motivation and wellbeing. This will also ensure flexibility if access to ICT equipment varies during the day and from home to home. However, it would be better if the work could get used to doing the work in a proper order and within a reasonable time.
- Work will continue to be available on Google Classroom following the lesson to revisit the work at any time and to revisit.

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Google Classroom

To help you as parents / guardians and learners with Google Classroom Mrs Sarah Tudor - the school's Digital Competence Leader has put together a series of bespoke resources to support you including:

- An interactive guide to Google Classroom in the form of a step-by-step presentation.
- A series of video clips showing how to complete tasks on Google Classroom.
- An interactive website with numerous video clips to help you and the learners with Google Classroom.

Live Streaming

- If streaming sessions are live for a specific lesson / topic, this will take place during the specific lesson time, using Microsoft TEAMS / Google Meet via the HWB platform.
- Pupils should check their Teams / Google Classroom calendar (google meet) for the lesson in question regularly for the invitation to join.
- It should be emphasized that local and national good practice indicates that most live streaming sessions are most effective for making short presentations (of approximately 10 minutes) to introduce new concepts or to present guidance to a task.
- Not all live streaming sessions will be 'complete lessons' as this is not recognized as good practice nor is it the most effective use of learners' time in being able to go on to complete a task and develop independent working skills.
- It should also be emphasized that if learners are unable to attend live streaming sessions that all resources will be available on Google Classroom for learners to complete at any time.

Morning Virtual Tutorial (registration class)

- There will be occasional 'live streaming' morning tutorials with the form tutor at 9:00 am (short time of about 10 minutes) during the week.
- Further information on this is available on the last page
- The sessions will be on Google Meet on the HWB platform.
- This will structure the day, and ensure that the pupils are ready for the day ahead.
- It should be emphasized that if learners are unable to attend live streaming tutorials all the information will be available on Google Classroom for the learners following the session at any time.
- The information shared or any important tutor publication will be placed on the Google Classroom of the tutorial so that learners can look through the information at any time following the morning break or if they are unable to attend .



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Year group Morning Virtual Assembly

- There will be one morning 'live streaming' assembly with the Progress Leader and a member of the Senior Leadership Team at 9:00 am (short period of about 10 minutes) during the week.
- Further information on this is available on the last page.
- The sessions will be on Google Meet see information below to join the Google Meet.
- It should be emphasized that if learners are unable to attend live streaming assembly sessions all the information will be available on Year Google Classroom for the learners following the session at any time.
- The information shared or any important announcement by the Progress Leader will be placed on Google Classroom of the Year so that learners can look through the information at any time following the morning break or if they are unable to attend .

Full guidance on all the information presented in the letter will be made available to learners in the form of short video clips on the school's social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and the school's You Tube channel). I would encourage you to share this information with the learners and that they become familiar with the information before embarking on the online learning. We will also be sharing these with you in the form of a series of links in a letter soon.

Recent positive feedback from parents confirms that following this structure will ensure that pupils remain engaged throughout the day. It is essential that pupils are engaged in distance learning, as a lack of engagement can have a negative impact on their education in the long term; every lesson counts!

As a school, we use this opportunity to learn, refine and develop new skills to support and shape the future of teaching and learning at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy.

Thank you again for your continued support.
Stay safe and best wishes

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Blwyddyn / Year 12 / 13 - Cyfnod Boreuol / Morning Period

| Diwrnod Day | Amser Time | Gweithgaedd Activity | Lle? Where? |
|-------------------|------------|--|---|
| Llun Monday | 9yb/am | Gwasanaeth Blwyddyn ar: Year Assembly on: Google Meet (HWB Google for Education) | Google Meet Joining Code ydc6ed |
| Mawrth Tuesday | 9yb/am | Gwyllo clip fideo sydd yn cyflwyno chi i drefniadau'r wythnos. Watch a video clip that introduces you to the routines of the week. '2.11.2020' | Sianel You Tube Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKd4G7c-if9gSGzHgrRD1MA |
| Mercher Wednesday | 9yb/am | DIM GWEITHGAREDD NO ACTIVITY | |
| Iau Thursday | 9yb/am | Sesiwn Tiwtor Dosbarth ar: Classroom Tutor Session on: Google Meet (HWB Google for Education) | Google Meet Joining Code ydcmachno12 ydcgarmon12 ydcmachno13 ydcgarmon13 |
| Gwener Friday | 9yb/am | DIM GWEITHGAREDD NO ACTIVITY | |