



LEARN TOGETHER

'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'

5th January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I am sadly saying a warm, virtual welcome back at the start of this term. As you will be aware, our Education Minister released a statement yesterday regarding the serious situation in Wales and the UK.

I thought that it was important to clarify, amongst all of the news / social media that the situation in Wales is that most pupils will access learning online until 18th January.

As soon as we have any other directive or information from WG, please be assured that we will update you.

Online Learning

The first videos and tasks from teachers have been put on Seesaw this morning. Please just encourage your child to do as much as they can. **Don't put pressure on yourselves, we appreciate that everyone has very different circumstances.**

If your child has any questions, after having another look at the video, please get in touch with teachers on Seesaw. They will do their very best to help and support. Don't worry if they don't get back to you straight away, they could be helping someone else or organising activities / videos for the next day.

Live Sessions

Each teacher in Y1-6 has organised live wellbeing sessions this week. **Your child's teacher will provide all of the details that you need on Seesaw.**

	Day	Time	Access through:
Dosbarth Dinas (Y1) Mr Hayes, Miss Roberts & Mrs Blackmore	Thursday 7 th January	10.00-10.30am	Zoom
Dosbarth Vyrnwy (Y2) Miss Taylor & Mrs O'Connor	Friday 8 th January	10.30-11.00am	Zoom
Dosbarth Brecon (Y3) Miss Brunskill & Mrs Weston	Thursday 7 th January	11.00-11.30am	Google Meet via Google Classroom
	Friday 8 th January	2.30-3.00pm	
Dosbarth Cadair Idris (Y4) Mr Williams & Mr Griffiths	Wednesday 6 th January	1.30-2.00pm	Google Meet via Google Classroom
	Friday 8 th January	1.30-2.00pm	
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfya (Y5) Miss Evans & Ms Povey	Wednesday 6 th January	11.00-11.30am	Google Meet via Google Classroom
	Friday 8 th January	1.00-1.30pm	
Dosbarth Tryfan (Y6) Miss Thomas & Miss Banks	Wednesday 6 th January	1.00-1.30pm	Google Meet via Google Classroom
	Friday 8 th January	11.00-11.30am	

We do have special rules for live sessions, please talk to your child about these before they access the session. Diolch.

Our rules are:

For children:

- You must not 'unmute' when the teacher has muted the whole class. Click the 'raise hand' button if you have a question and wait until the teacher invites you to speak. This avoids a number of people talking over one another at the same time.
- You must wear suitable clothing for the video meeting (as you would on a non uniform day at school, not your pyjamas!).
- Please find a suitable quiet environment, in a shared part of the house i.e. not in bedrooms or bathrooms.
- Make the background blurred if possible and if not make sure it is appropriate.
- You must be respectful of all teachers and classmates during the call, as you do in class.
- ALWAYS make sure you leave the session when it ends.
- You are not to record or screenshot content from the video call.

For parents

- Please ensure that your child/children follow the rules we have set out.
- Please help your child set up and access the Zoom (Y1&2) / Google Meet (Y3-6) session.
- Please make sure that your child is ready 5 minutes before the advertised start of the meeting, to ensure that they are on time and that the meeting is not delayed as they may be locked out.
- Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for meetings. We would expect pupils to be dressed as though it was a non-uniform day.
- Please ensure other family members are appropriately dressed, out of camera shot and do not contribute to the video call.
- Please discuss with your child the appropriate way to behave in the meeting - in the same way as if they were in school with the member of staff.
- If a child is behaving inappropriately, the school may need to remove them from the call and their Hwb account may be suspended temporarily.
- Please DO NOT film the session on another device, as this is a safeguarding and GDPR issue.

Please do not worry if your child can not join these first sessions, we will be offering more next week.

Provision for Frontline Critical Workers

If you require provision for your child next week **between 8.30am and 3.15pm**, please email the school office on mailbox@barkerslane-pri.wrexham.sch.uk by 9am Thursday 7th January at the latest.

Please only use this provision as a last resort and if it is essential.

If your child can be cared for safely at home, they should be e.g. home working, changing shifts, day off, other adult in household / safe care provision, etc as Welsh Government guidance has not changed.

Your child should not come 'because they want to' if they can be safely cared for at home.

WG clearly state: 'Being included on the list does not mean children of all workers in these categories can or will be able to continue to send their children to school. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child are kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'

A reminder that if your child is unwell or they / you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, they must not be brought to school.

A huge thank you to all our families for your support. The many emails that we received before Christmas and since really have overwhelmed us.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you need any support with online learning.

We will be in touch as soon as we have any other information.

Kind regards
Chris Edwards