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Coronavirus – School Closure

Dear Parent /Guardian,

I'm certain that you will have heard by now of the decision made by Welsh Government to close schools due to the Coronavirus. We will remain open until 3.20pm on Friday, March 20th. The Government will constantly review the situation and we will remain in regular contact with you through the school website www.ysgolparcytywyn.co.uk, our twitter account @ParcyTywyn and through 'TheSchoolApp' as more information is issued to us. **It is important that all parents download the app in order to receive the latest information.**



The Education Minister issued the following statement: <https://gov.wales/statement-minster-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales>

It is very likely that we are entering a prolonged period which will affect our daily lives and routines on all levels. We appreciate this is a time of anxiety and inconvenience for you as parents but the wellbeing of the children and everyone in the school community is paramount to us. As a result, the teachers have already been planning for this situation and have prepared work packages to continue to educate the children during the period of disruption. A series of varied educational activities are available to you through the school website

<https://www.ysgolparcytywyn.co.uk/dosbarthiadauclass-pages/> An exemplar timetable is available on the website if you require some ideas of how to structure your days.

The school has provided children from Reception to Year 6 with an empty workbook today. Worksheets do not need to be printed. Children can record work / answers in these books or children can complete these tasks on their HWB accounts. (<https://hwb.gov.wales/>). There is no need to worry about the work; they are given as an idea. This is going to be a worrying time for everyone, and our children will be able to feel it. Trying to force your children to "learn" rarely works and arguing and fighting them to do so is likely to make an already stressful situation much worse. Read to them. Sing and dance with them. Play games with them. Be creative! They will remember this as a fun time, rather than a scary one.

Should any Years 3-6 children have any queries, they are able to contact their class teacher through the SpeakR website on www.669.speakr.co.uk. These teachers will also be sending pupils messages to touch base.

The Council are finalising their plans to support the most in need, including people involved in the immediate response to the Coronavirus outbreak as directed by the Welsh Minister, Kirsty Williams. We will forward this information in due course.

I am confident that we can deal with this extraordinary situation by supporting each other and ensuring that we place unity at the heart of the community and work as one. May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you require any further assistance.

Mr C Davies

Headteacher

