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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Following today's announcement from Welsh Government, here are the current updates from school.

Return to School

Please be advised this information is still subject to change pending any WG and BCBC reviews.

On-site support for the **children of critical workers and vulnerable learners** during normal school hours is now extended until Friday 29 January.

Critical workers (as defined by BCBC in the letter dated 04.01.21) who require on-site support for any advertised sessions may request places by completing an online booking form. The link to the form will be communicated to you each Monday afternoon and will be live until 12 midday each Thursday. These requests help us to plan staffing levels, appropriate school meal and learner transport provision. If you have reserved a critical worker space and no longer require the provision, please do kindly inform us by email to the school office.

We will notify you if, at any time, there are any changes to the BCBC Critical Worker criteria. Parents/carers of pupils identified as vulnerable will be contacted individually by relevant school staff to offer support.

We do not currently have any information in regard to when we are able to welcome all pupils back to school.

School Work

All pupils, whether on-site or learning at home, will receive and have access to the same learning activities. Our on-line provision is continually being developed, reviewed and evaluated to ensure continuous education for all pupils.

Currently we offer:

- Live online class check-in sessions to introduce the work for the day and to offer assistance for the tasks set, using MS Teams on Hwb
- Pre-recorded video and audio-captured sessions to support learning, which pupils are able to replay as required to aid understanding
- Pre-recorded stories, songs and rhymes for younger learners
- School worksheets and suggested activities, for both indoors and outdoors activities
- Video links or worksheets from recommended educational providers
- Loan of technology, if required
- Support available from school staff via the year group's communication platform and emails
- Support available for queries via the school office

We have provided a range of activities for your children, which are both challenging and fun. We understand that, for many of you, supporting your child(ren) learning at home is challenging and we know that many of you and many members of our staff are working at home with responsibility for children at the same time. This is far from an ideal situation and we are looking forward to the day when we can safely welcome all children back to school and have our corridors once again filled with noise and laughter.

Some children love schoolwork and are happy to complete online tasks, but this is not the case for all children. You are the experts on your own children and your own family situation and so we appreciate that some of you may wish or need to pick a few activities and this may not be within the usual school hours. This is totally understandable and family wellbeing must come first. At school even the oldest primary children do not spend all day on the computer; far from it. They have debates and discussions, outdoor sessions, playtimes, practical and physical sessions and musical activities. We will do everything we can when the children are back at school to catch up on any important topics that they have missed; this is what we are trained and qualified to do and you do not need to worry about this.

If you require any assistance at all during this period of partial lockdown, whether educational or pastoral, please do not hesitate to email the school office on admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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