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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 12 February (half term).

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 still do not currently have any confirmed information in regard to when we are able to welcome any and / or all pupils back to school. We will notify you when we receive confirmed information from WG and BCBC in regard to plans for after the half term.

### **School Work**

All pupils, whether on-site or learning at home, are receiving 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.

We continue to provide 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. We thank you all as parents for your commitment and support during this time. The support and effort of all parents is very much appreciated and we recognise what a fantastic job you are all doing while at home.

Again, I'd like to remind you that 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.

I am sure many of you are concerned regarding the Welsh language – please do not worry. You can help your children by encouraging them to engage in activities available through various media, e.g. listening to Welsh stories available on Hwb, practicing with Tric a Chlic podcasts available on YouTube, watching Cyw on S4C, listening to Welsh songs, downloading Welsh-language apps. 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.

### **INSET Day**

Reminder that we have a planned INSET day on Friday 12 February. School will be closed to all pupils - there is no on-site provision available that day. No school work will be set or live check in sessions offered as all staff will be on a designated training day for the New Curriculum.

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](mailto:admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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