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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you're keeping healthy and safe and have been able to enjoy Easter. I would like to explain a little about our school arrangements for keeping in contact with yourselves and your child and for sharing ideas/work for the next few weeks. Firstly, I would like to confirm that the school continues to follow Welsh Government guidelines, and will remain closed until further guidance is received from the Education Minister for Wales. It is stressed that the main priority in the current climate is that we are all safe and well, rather than how many worksheets and tasks a child will complete. We appreciate how difficult it is for you as parents, and we do not want to put any unnecessary pressure on you. When the time comes for us to reflect, the weeks and months will only be a short period of time in our lives. A time our children may remember differently ... where they remember the warm and sunny months of 2020...where they spent valuable time with their family ... where they learned many skills in building, playing games, reading, cooking, painting, without being near a classroom.

We as a school will be providing opportunities for 'Distance Learning'. Our main aim is to encourage children to venture the suggested tasks, and not enforce them to complete them. We have taken this into great consideration whilst planning and setting a range of possible activities tasks for specific age groups. **There is no requirement for you and your child to follow any set timetable for activities or tasks, as we wish to give families the flexibility to complete any tasks or activities in a framework that works for you** We would also encourage all pupils to be as active as possible mentally and physically on a daily basis but understand that it may be difficult in reality.

Before the end of this week, through the use of Google Classroom, which is avalaible for nursery to year 6 pupils, your child will receive a suggestion regarding daily timetables which you may or may not choose to follow. During the following weeks, every teacher, after working closely with other staff within their department, will continue to uploading tasks/activities for their class. These activities will be uploaded on two week cycles, with information on activities for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 presented on Monday, and suggested activities for year 3 to 6 presented on Tuesday. The classteachers will then be monitoring the situation closely to see how things are going. The suggested activities will focus on aspects which cover six areas – Well-being and fitness, Language based activities, Maths based activities, Digital tasks, Creative tasks and activities to promote Mindfulness and relaxation. There will be some examples of activities which will offer a varied level of challenge for the pupils.

Pupils are welcome to complete the tasks on paper and keep the work in a folder at home or digitally – this can be done by emailing their teacher or up-loading their work to share through Google Classrooms. It is also acceptable that they may complete their work on paper, take a photo of it, and share it with their class or teacher. Teachers will acknowledge the work and give some feedback, but the work will not be marked in the same way as it would be marked in a normal classroom situation.

Please remember that this whole situation is a totally new experience for us as a school as it is for you as parents, and we will try our very best to adapt so that we can provide opportunities and tasks for your child. There will probably be a few problems, but we please ask that you stay patient with us, and we will try our very best to support and advise you in the best possible way. Our main priority is the wellbeing of our pupils and their families during this difficult period, therefore if you are having any difficulties, problems or home /family situations change, please contact the class teacher or email the school.

If you have any questions regarding the activities or tasks which your child may want to try, or even the use of resources e.g. you may wish to borrow an additional reading book, **then you should**

contact your child's classteacher through e.mail. A collection provision for you to collect resources you may have requested to borrow through prior arrangement with your classteacher will be available next week. The arrangements for this will be as follows:

1. Parents/Carers will have **arranged through e.mail to the classteacher** if they wish to borrow any resources. (These may range from a pencil to a reading book.)
2. Families will be expected to return any resources borrowed in the same condition as when collected from school. The classteachers will keep a record of any items borrowed. Families will be charged for items which are not returned.(excluding writing equipment such as pencils. biros)
3. Each class will be given a **specific time window for collection**. These times must be kept to. If resources requested are not collected during the given times, **it will not be possible to collect outside these times**. There will be no entry into the school building.
4. **Any resources requested will be available for collection from a box located outside the hall door. The resources will be labelled with the child's name.**
5. Please ensure that only one parent/carer collects the resources, and that social distancing rules are adhered to.
6. Once parents/carers have collected any items requested, please ensure that you leave the school grounds immediately and return home.

*A box labelled with the words '**Drop off**' will also be located outside the hall door. We would appreciate for any school reading books which the children may have finished reading to be returned, so that these can be available for others, as the school has only a limited supply of reading books to loan out to the children.*

The **collection** arrangements for each class are as follows.

Dosbarth/Class	Dyddiad / Date	Amser / Time
Miss C. Darlington Bl.3&4 / Yr.3&4	**27.4.20**	**10.45 – 12.00**
Mrs M.Williams Bl.5&6 / Yr.5&6	**27.4.20**	**1.15 - 2.30**
Miss M.Davies Bl.1&2 / Yr.1&2	**28.4.20**	**10.30-11.15**
Miss E. Evans Bl.5&6 / Yr.5&6	**28.4.20**	**12.00-1.15**
Mrs S.Jones Bl.1&2 / Yr.1&2	**28.4.20**	**2.00-3.15**
Miss A.Morris Nursery / Reception	**29.4.20**	**10.45 – 12.00**
Miss Ch.Williams Bl.3&4 / Yr.3&4	**29.4.20**	**1.15-2.30**
Miss D.Dempsey Bl.1&2 / Yr.1&2	**30.4.20**	**10.45-12.00**
Mr S. Owen Bl.5&6 / Yr.5&6	**30.4.20**	**1.15-2.30**
Miss L.Lewis Reception/Derbyn	**31.4.20**	**10.45-12.00**
Mr D.Jones Bl.3&4 / Yr.3&4	**31.4.20**	**1.15-2.30**

Remember, Distance Learning is not the same as being in the classroom/school, so please don't worry about what you are able to do at home.

Once again, I would like to remind you to please contact you your child's classteacher through their direct e.mail address if have any questions about the activities and your child's work, or contact the office at mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk for general enquiries. Thank you, look after yourself and families and keep safe.

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