



# Llangewydd Junior School

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**Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,  
Dear Parents/Carers**

On behalf of all the staff at Llangewydd, I would like to send to you; our parents, grandparents, carers and pupils, our thoughts and much love at this difficult time. We are such a close community and I know that all our staff are missing all of our pupils dearly.

We are, of course, aware of members of our wider school community who have succumbed to this awful disease and our thoughts go out to those affected, as they do to others who have suffered during this period.

## Return to school

Last week, Welsh Government expressed a preference for year 6 to return to school this term. I think it would be foolish to speculate upon the likelihood of this event, as we simply do not know at this time whether this will happen. When the situation becomes any clearer, we should all be given ample opportunity to prepare for a return, in whatever guise this may take.

## Learning

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of our parents and carers who have worked so hard with their children through Google Classroom and other media.

I also wanted to emphasize that if you haven't been able to engage with online learning as you may have hoped, you must not worry. The most important thing at the moment is trying to keep our homes as happy and balanced as can be; if this means that sometimes work can't be done, then so be it. We all learn every day from a wide variety of experiences such as baking, exercising, reading etc.

## Our staff

All of our staff are working extremely hard. As well as supporting the childcare of vulnerable learners and the children of front-line workers at the local Hub school, our staff are continuously working to support the learning and the fabric of our school. I have been extremely proud of all of their efforts and while much of the work they do goes unseen, I know that you would also wish me to thank them all on your behalf.



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## Staff Changes

Mrs Sophie Jones and Mrs Hatch-Walker are returning to our school, following maternity leave and a sabbatical secondment respectively. Mrs Jones will be taking over responsibility from Mrs Stoakes who will be leaving us (and J9) on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We wish Mrs Stoakes the very best for the future and thank her enormously for her hard work and dedication this year.

## Reports

Before schools were forced to close, as a whole staff, we decided that we really wanted to celebrate 2019-20 with the completion of written pupil reports, regardless of whether we would be mandated to do so by Welsh Government. These reports are nearly complete (subject to review) and will serve as a lovely reminder to us all of this most unique year.

## Year 6 pupils moving to secondary school

I am in close, weekly contact with Mr Pawar at Bryntirion Comprehensive School. A lot of work is going on in the background to ensure that this transition is as effective as can be, regardless of whether our year 6 pupils return to Llangewydd prior to the end of the summer term. A video will soon be released on the Bryntirion Comprehensive School YouTube channel for all our year 6 pupils to help support with the move to secondary school in September.

On a personal note, I can't wait to see all of our pupils again. I also want to ensure you that when pupils do return, my absolute priority will be the safety and wellbeing of our school community and our pupils and staff in particular. Even at this early stage, we are making adaptations to the school premises and preparing for the return of our pupils, as and when we are guided by the local authority to a reopen our teaching facility.

Best wishes,

Neil Clode