



Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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December 11th, 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Carmarthenshire County Council has advised schools to suspend face to face teaching where possible from 14th December. For safety reasons, and taking account of the results of the parent's survey completed by you this morning, the last day for pupils at Tycroes will be Monday the 14th December. We realise that the decision is contrary to what was said last week, in that schools would remain open until the end of term. However, the Council has taken the decision in response to rapidly increasing numbers of local Covid cases. As you know, we have already had three confirmed cases at Tycroes to date.

For the remainder of next week (Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th), the school will be supporting your child's learning on-line from home. This will be through J2e for Foundation Phase pupils and through Google Classroom for Key Stage 2 pupils. Pupils will need to access all work via their Hwb account. Please see guidance videos on the school website for advice on how to access these Hwb, J2e and Google Classroom. We will be unable to set up daily live streaming sessions as intended as we have only received permission from a limited number of parents. Hopefully more parents will consent should we move into a further lockdown next year.

School staff will also ensure that they keep in contact with pupils who do not contact teachers by completing set tasks. This will be in the form of a telephone call as a well-being check-up. During the four days, your child's class teacher will be available to assist with the work if needed. Contact details for your child's teacher are on the school website on the staff page.

The school will provide care for key worker children according to very clear criteria. **Both parents will need to be frontline NHS or care staff, and where no other safe care can be provided by family/friends or child-minders.** No Breakfast Club, lunchtime or After-school Club provision will be available to these pupils, sorry.

Pupils who are eligible for free school meals will receive a payment directly into your bank account. This will also happen over the Christmas period.

The current plan is that the school will re-open to pupils on Tuesday the 5th of January. Should this change, then we will notify parents immediately. Please feel free to contact the school should you wish to discuss any matter further.

Many thanks once more for your support, cooperation and understanding.

Best regards,

Louise Rees

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