

Ysgol Bancffosfelen School
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The First Minister has now confirmed that the the decision-making on schools and colleges will be brought into line with the Welsh Government's three-week review timetable of 29 January. This means that learners will continue to learn remotely and vulnerable children and children of critical workers will have access to on-site provision, until then. Unless the rates of community transmission in Wales reduce significantly by 29 January, most students in schools and colleges will continue working remotely until the February half term.

Schools will provide childcare for children of critical key workers as well as vulnerable children where absolutely necessary, Our aim is to ensure that those working on the frontline can continue to undertake their duties if they have no access to childcare, whilst also mitigating the risks to our children and staff in school settings.

Full details on criteria can be found on their website:

<https://gov.wales/identifying-children-critical-workers-guidance>

Being included on the list does not mean workers in these categories can or will send their children to school.

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept safely at home.

It is vital that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. It is important to remember that family or friends are now able to help with childcare, which was not the case back in March.

We must protect our learners, staff and their families by minimising the number of children attending school at this time, so we are urging parents to please consider very carefully whether it is absolutely essential that your child receives a place for hub provision.

Parents should not apply for places if they are not scheduled to work and have not exhausted all other possible childcare options; for example, some parents may be able to amend their usual working arrangements to address childcare needs, or they or their partner are able to work from home.

Places for Hub provision will need to be booked in advance so that we can make sure they have adequate staffing in place. It may be necessary to request further supporting evidence (e.g. ID badge, checking shift patterns etc etc) to establish if parents meet eligibility.

Please be mindful that if staff are required to work in the Hub, then they will not be available to prepare on line learning or respond to queries from pupils.

The Hub will be available for pupils at **Llannon School** from **8am to 3:30pm**. If you require a booking form a booking form, then please e mail: LangabeerM6@hwbcymru.net and complete the e form.

Bookings need to be in advance and will close every Tuesday at 11:30am.
You will be notified if a place is available.

Children will need to bring their IT equipment etc if it has been provided by the school or local authority, with them to the Hub.
Pupils will also need to bring in a packed lunch, fruit, full water bottle waterproof coat and wellingtons.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will receive payments during this time, further information can be found on the council website.

We will use the coming weeks to look at all the possibilities for a phased, and safe, return of some pupils to school during this period. We have achieved this in every new term since the Summer and that's down to our collective mission to prioritise our children's growth, learning and well-being.

I would like to thank you once again for your co-operation and support.

Marie Langabeer