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Dear Parent/Annwyl rieni

Members of staff have been working hard to set up online learning for your children while school is closed.

We hope that you feel reassured that children have plenty to do at home and their education will continue, albeit from a different location.

Our email addresses have been included in the guidance attached. We will be available during the next two weeks if you need support.

My main way of communication with you will be via our website:

<https://www.ysgolbrofamau.co.uk/>

Please, if you haven't done so already, sign up for notifications so that you can be kept up to date with developments.

We will also be using Twitter.

Thank you for your patience and support during these uncertain times.

Please look after yourselves.

Mrs E. Knight

Online Learning Guidance
March 2020

I would just like to say a huge thank you for all the support and patience you have shown so far whilst we have been setting up systems for home learning. It is a busy time for us all. I would just like to remind you and the children that email is going to be a very important part of our communication with the children, **so I would ask you all to make sure any login details we have sent home are working and children will have access to Seesaw and Hwb in the main.** If there are any problems please email staff to ask for any further assistance. We will be available in school during **Friday March 20th** if there are any problems.

Staff emails are as follows

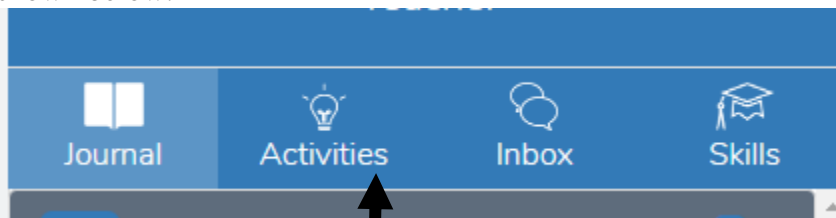
Mrs K Thomas	ThomasK114@hwbcymru.net
Mrs A. Lightfoot	LightfootA1@hwbcymru.net
Miss R Ellis	EllisR216@hwbcymru.net
Mrs R Davies	LloydR30@hwbcymru.net
Mrs M Jones	JonesM935@hwbcymru.net
Mrs E. Knight	KnightE33@hwbcymru.net

The school email address will stay the same to contact Maxine.

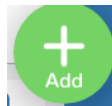
Mrs Knight can be contacted on elizabeth.knight@denbighshire.gov.uk or the HwB address above.

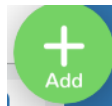
Foundation Phase

We will be using Seesaw as the main form of setting work in the Foundation Phase, activities will be posted daily for the children to work on when able. The teachers will be able to see the work when completed. Activities on Seesaw will be found on the main task bar, as shown below.



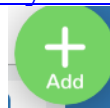
When a teacher has Shared activities for your child to complete it will show a red circle in the box.

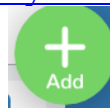



Your child will have to click on the  to respond.

Here is a link that will explain Seesaw further

<https://youtu.be/W9FyB1SCbeM> youtu.be/W9FyB1SCbeM



The children will be able to send us a message if they use  to make a note to send to the teacher.

We have also set up links to home learning booklets for Years 1 and 2, these links have been shared via your child's emails on HwB. To access this they will need to login to their HwB account (these have been sent home). The email section  an then click on the Outlook section.

Key Stage 2 – Juniors

Seesaw

Mr Jones and myself will be using Seesaw, Hwb and Google for Education (through HWB) in the main.

Please use above notes for general use and please watch the video link if you need further information.

<https://youtu.be/W9FyB1SCbeM>youtu.be/W9FyB1SCbeM

HWB

This is a little trickier for some children so they might need to help for a little while as the passwords and user names are case sensitive. Please email us if you are having trouble logging in we will be able to help with this.

Once logged in they can access their emails as explained above. Links have been sent to all pupils for home learning packs. There are more and more available daily so feel free to have a look and I'm sure we will also be sharing links as we find them.

Google for Education

This is accessed through Hwb, some children have had a go in class, some children will still need to join the virtual classes set up by Mr Jones and Myself. This is going to be an area where we are all finding our way, so please be patient with us as we get to grips with the software. If there are any problems using the links to the classrooms please don't hesitate in emailing the relevant member of staff.

If they log onto HWB, then find the Google for Education



Click on this and it will ask the child to enter their HWB u are using this for the first time it will ask further questions about ver these are fairly straightforward. If your child has logged in previously they will already be a member of the class, if not you will need a code to join the correct class. Please ask either Mr Jones or myself for that code.

It is going to be very strange for us all as we all get used to working this way. It is important to remember that home schooling will be very different to what we are all used to. In Foundation Phase, 1-2 hours per day is advisable and for Key stage 2 children, 2-3 hours per day. It will also be a time to talk more with your child

- About what they plan to do
- Remember to go outside and get fresh air (at least an hour a day)
- Spend time reading
- Do some chores around the house
- Make something together
- Not all work will need to be including electronics

There are lots of available resources online to use as well, I have listed some of them below

Twinkl <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=school+closure>

Numberfun <https://parent.numberfunportal.com/>

Gonoodle <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

BBC Supermovers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

EAL learners <https://www.ealhub.co.uk/home-learning-area/>

Robin Hood MAT resources <https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/learning-projects/>

Resources including electronics

[Vooks - Storybooks brought to Life - Free for Teachers!](#)

[Epic Books - Loads of online reading books.](#)

[BrainPop - Loads of useful educational videos](#)

[Code.org](#)

[Teach my Monster to Read App](#)

[Times Tables Rockstars](#)

Penguin Publishers are also offering online story time and live events

Scholastic have offered free resources

Lunch doodle – mindfulness <https://youtu.be/RmzjCPQv3y8>

Thank you to everyone, we are here if you need to ask any questions.

In order to manage our work, we will be available between Monday – Friday, 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs R Davies