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Annwyl Rieni,

Yn gyntaf oll, llawer o ddiolch am eich cefnogaeth i mi ac i'r staff wythnos yma yn ystod wythnos gythryblus. Mae'r negeseuon o'r bwysigrwydd o aros gartref, o hunan-ynysu a gwarchod ein gilydd ac eraill yn ystod cyfnod yr haint Coronafirws yn sicr wedi taro nodyn nid yn unig efo cymuned Ysgol y Llys ond yn ehangach o fewn Prestatyn, Gogledd Cymru ac yn wir ar draws y Deyrnas Unedig- a diolch i'r drefn am hynny!

O ran Ysgol y Llys, rydym wedi gweld gostyngiad yn nifer y disgyblion sydd wedi dod i'r ysgol yn ystod yr wythnos ar gyfer darpariaeth gofal plant mewn argyfwng. Mae hyn yn bwysig er mwyn i ni gadw at y rheol o gadw pellter cymdeithasol. Diolchwn hefyd i'r rhieni hynny sydd wedi ebostio'r ysgol yn cadarnhau neu yn datgan nad oes angen darpariaeth arnynt. Mae hyn o gymorth mawr i ni wrth lunio rota staffio.

Beth nesaf? O ran wythnos nesaf, tybiwn y bydd yr un drefn yn bodoli ac wythnos yma. Oherwydd gostyngiad yn niferoedd disgyblion sydd wedi mynychu ysgolion ar draws y Sir, un syniad sy'n cael ei grybwyll ar draws y sir ydi sefydlu Canolfannau Gofal Plant- lle mae plant gweithwyr allweddol a grwpiau eraill yn dod ynghyd e.e. Ysgol Uwchradd Prestatyn. Yma yn Ysgol y Llys rydym wedi mynegi barn y buaswn yn hoffi i'r drefn bresennol parhau- sef i gynnig darpariaeth yma yn Ysgol y Llys. Fel hyn, medrwn cynnig sefydlogrwydd a chysondeb i'n plant, i'n staff ac i rieni. Petai unrhyw newid i'r drefn, yna byddwn sicr yn eich hysbysu mewn da bryd.

Pecynnau Gwaith- Mae sawl rhiant wedi cysylltu am rhagor o fanylion am becynnau gwaith i gefnogi addysgu'r plant wrth iddynt fod gartref. Fel pennaeth, teimlaf yn y cyfnod cyntaf allweddol yma, dylai ffocws bob teulu fod ar lles emosiynol a meddyliol ein plant. Mae hyn yn gyfnod GWBL NEWYDD i bawb. Mae angen gwario amser yn sgwrsio / darllen / cofleidio / cysuro ein plant, dim ots beth yw eu hoedran! Gwarchodwch nhw rhag ofer boeni- trowch Sky news i ffwrdd / cuddiwch yr erthyglau newyddion ar lein! Mae gormod o wybodaeth ar brydiau yn gallu bod yn peth drwg! Darllenwch, gwnewch celf a chreffft, chwaraewch gemau bwrdd / jigsos / gwrandewch ar gerddoriaeth- mae'r rhestr yn ddi-rifed!

Bydd syniadau / tasgau / gweithgareddau yn parhau i ddod allan fesul Uned i'ch plant. Byddaf hefyd fel pennaeth yn rhannu dolenni perthnasol a all fod o gymorth i chwi. Peidiwch ag ofer boeni! Cymerwch un dydd ar y tro!

Mae nifer o wefannau amrwyol yn cynnig adnoddau am ddim ar lein- un enghraifft gwych ydi'r 30 audiobook sy'n cael eu rhyddhau yn ddyddiol am ddim gan yr awdur David Walliams. Mae Carol Vorderman hefyd yn cynnig ei app ddefnyddiol ynglyn a mathemateg am ddim am gyfnod o amser. Annogwn rieni i rhannu syniadau ac arferion da.

Byddwn fel staff yn parhau i rannu syniadau, ond da chi, y peth pwysicaf ar y funud ydi lles meddyliol ac emosiynol ein plant.

Ni wyddwn eto beth fydd ein trefniadau i gefnogi teuluoedd dros Cyfnod y Pasg na beth fydd ein trefniadau fel ysgolion dros yr wythnosau nesaf. Yr hyn rwyf yn gwbl sicr, yw bydd y staff ymroddgar sydd yma yn Ysgol y Llys yma i'ch cefnogi.

Taer erfyniad i chwi gadw'n saff dros y cyfnod gythryblus sydd ohonni. Cymerwch bwyll a chymerwch bob diwrnod yn ei dro. Lapiwch eich teuluoedd, eich plant, eich cymuned mewn cariad- boed mewn galwadau ffon / neges destun.

Mae duwch nos ar ei waethaf cyn toriad gwawr!

Daliwch i wenu bawb,

Cofion gorau,
Dyfan Phillips
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Re: School Update

Dear Parents

Firstly, many thanks to parents for your support to Ysgol y Llys this week during the unprecedented health pandemic we find ourselves to be part of. Never in my life time would I have expected to have to close the school and witness the lockdown of all services resulting in extreme anxiety for worry for millions. However, we all recognise the importance of staying at home, implementing strict social distancing, self-isolating when required to ensure our own safety and the safety of others.

Here at Ysgol y Llys we have seen our pupil numbers decrease as the week goes on. Once again, we stress, our childcare provision is only for those who genuinely require emergency provision and who fall into the Key Worker category. Can I thank you for your continued support. We also appreciate the emails from parents confirming or declining provision due to changes in circumstances. These are vital in ensuring we can arrange the appropriate staffing levels. If you can give us updates regarding needs for next week we would be extremely grateful.

What next? As regards to next week provision, we expect the current provision to remain in place here at Ysgol y Llys. We are aware that Denbighshire CC are currently reviewing this with one option being a central hub in each area for pupils of key workers to be centralised. This potentially could be based at Prestatyn High School. We have expressed our preference for the location to remain at each school as this would retain a sense of normality and continuity to our pupils, staff and parents. Should any changes be made regarding provision / location, please be assured that we would notify parents as soon as possible.

Home learning packs- We have received numerous emails from parents regarding home learning packs for parents to support their children's learning whilst at home. I am aware all Units have sent out numerous activities/ online tasks/ teaching resources for families to use. However, as Head teacher, **I must stress** that first and foremost, I would ask parents to focus their efforts on their children's **emotional and mental wellbeing**. Please do not be stressed out focussing on learning packs. If parents are stressed, then their children will be ten times worse! Please spend time comforting, talking and re-assuring your children. Focus on basics such as reading together, singing together, art and craft, baking together or building dens in the garden together. Honestly, the most important thing your children need from you now is to be strong, to listen to them, to comfort them. The period we are in now is new to everyone. Please do not let Coronavirus be the talk of the house all day, every day. Switch off Sky news, hide the online news articles, take a break from social media. Information overload can be mentally exhausting! Bring out old jigsaws, old comics, old board games. No member of my staff will admonish any pupil for any task which wasn't completed whilst at home! Health and happiness are the basic needs which then form the platform for educational/cognitive development. As a staff, we will continue to share educational ideas / tasks / links- but I emphasise, at the current time, your child's emotional and mental resilience is your priority. As head teacher I will also forward ideas / links I believe you might find useful at home. Please do not stress about home learning- and take each day as it comes!

Should you wish additional ideas however- many websites are now offering free online educational resources to families. It was announced yesterday that the author and celebrity David Walliams will provide 30 audio books for free for all listeners whilst Carol Vorderman has waived all costs for a limited time for her online numeracy resource. I would encourage parents to share good practice, online offers/ideas as well.

Easter- We do not know as yet what the provision will be for key worker families over the Easter period or furthermore the arrangements for the weeks following. I assure parents I will keep you up to date with developments. My dedicated staff are here to support you all to the best of our ability. Although it is school, but not as we know it- we will be with you each step of the way.

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I sincerely wish you all the best over the coming weeks. Please take care of yourselves and of our children and follow the guidance on social distancing, personal hygiene, self-isolating and avoid stockpiling. We owe it to ourselves, our loved ones and to the wider community.

Night is always darkest before the dawn- stronger together!

Keep smiling everyone!

Warmest wishes,
Dyfan Phillips
HEAD TEACHER

Next update at the end of this week