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Dear Parent / Guardian

I don't doubt that you are now already well aware of the decision made by Welsh Government yesterday to close all schools and colleges across Wales up until, at least, Monday 18th January.

So, it is with a heavy heart that I write to you to confirm that our online, remote learning provision for all pupils will now have to be extended accordingly.

Like you, I heard the news of the decision last night and if the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to continually adapt and respond to the changing situation and that we have to expect plans to change without much notice.

With that though, I want to reassure you that as soon as I am able to update you with regards to any changes as we move forward, I will do so.

As you would expect, for the duration of the school closure, pupils will be able to access online, remote learning, which will also include the delivery of a range of live lessons. Timetables are being re-issued and guidance or support in how to access online learning can be re-issued on request.

However, if your child is unable to access this provision, then we can make hard copies of work available to you. If this is something you require, please email the school to confirm this so that we can make covid-safe arrangements for collection.

We also have a range of feminine hygiene products available at the school and these too can be made available for collection if required.

Free school meal vouchers will also continue to be distributed to those families who are eligible. If you become eligible for free school meals whilst the school is closed and you do not receive your voucher, please contact Education.Business@newport.gov.uk at the local authority.

I am also very keen to offer support, where we can and if it is needed, to families who might need additional help or assistance during these times. This could be signposting families to different external support services, offering regular telephone contact, providing remote services for pupils or allocating small donations of food.

If you require any support of this nature, or similar, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Whilst I can't guarantee we will be able to help in every circumstance, I can guarantee that we will certainly do our best.

Despite the difficult start to the new year, I hope that you and your family are well. With vaccines now being administered in Wales, I hope too that we can all look forward to a time in the not so distant future where we can begin to prepare to return to normal.

In the meantime, although the school building may be closed, the staff here at Llanwern are still working for you, your family and our community. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything.

Stay safe and I look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school soon.

Take care

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Jarvis', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Jarvis
Headteacher