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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to update you on our emergency provision.

Emergency school provision opens at 8.45am and finishes at 3pm. The canteen will be open but will be providing a limited menu.

Emergency provision is only open to identified students who are themselves vulnerable or are children of identified key workers- however, the government advice is clear, that even these identified students should stay at home if at all possible. They should attend school if there is a critical need for them to do so.

School is closed to all other students. We are running a skeleton staff from today – both teaching and support staff. Please do not contact the school unless it is an emergency – we may not be able to answer the phones or emails in our usual way. Please bear with us.

During the day we will be doing all we can to ensure student safety – including social distancing. Students will be allocated a workspace and computer and will use the same one for the entirety of the provision. Students will be constantly reminded of the health and safety aspects of their time with us - this includes sitting apart in classrooms, in the canteen and during social periods. The same will apply to staff.

Staff working from home, assuming they themselves are not ill, will continue to monitor work set on Google Classroom, this means assessing and feeding back to students. From time to time we will be sending out other advice and activities designed to keep children mentally and physically active. School is not open to any visitors.

We will be in touch as soon as we have heard from the Local Authority regarding Free School Meal arrangements.

Please ensure that your children stay at home, that is where they are safest. You have no doubt seen the news over the weekend, of families treating this time like a holiday- it isn't. The drastic actions of closing schools, restaurants, pubs, cafes and shops is to enact the social isolation policy of the government- it should be adhered to. Please keep your children at home.

Parents have already contacted to ask us about the announcement regarding how GCSE grades will be awarded. We have yet to receive anything from the DfE or exam board. We will let you know as soon as we doplease do not contact us on this matter at this time.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support over the last week. I wish I could answer all your questions and allay your fears – I cannot. It is for another time. My final advice, keep your children at home if at all possible, minimise social contact and follow handwashing advice.

On behalf of everyone at Ysgol Bryn Alyn, our very best wishes to you and your loved ones.



Headteacher



















