



To our Dear Westwood Family,

You will have heard from today's announcement that we will be continuing home learning as there will be no return to school before half term. We have had a communication from Flintshire to share with you on the position of schools at this time.

'As confirmed, there will be no return to school before February half term. The position remains constantly under review and the hope is that some phasing in of pupils could start from 22nd February **but only if the infection rates continue to fall.**

So, the confirmed position at the current time is:

- The youngest pupils in Wales **could** begin returning to school after the February half-term **if** rates of Coronavirus continue to fall.
- **If the transmission of Covid - 19 continues to decline**, pupils will start returning to school in a phased way from 22nd February, beginning with our youngest learners. Learners studying vocational qualifications have been identified as the priority group for the phased return to colleges.'


We understand how disappointed you will feel with no news of a return just yet. My staff and I are also disappointed, however our return is determined by the reduction of infection rates.

You have been so incredible since lockdown began again in January, your hard work, patience and resilience has been amazing. We would like to **thank you for working with us**; for remaining as positive as you have, as supportive as you are and as strong as you can be, as any family should be.

What this means for our Westwood Family:

We remain in lockdown - the safest place for your children is at home.

- ✚ We remain open to Keyworkers critical to the Covid-19 response only at this time. We are at capacity now. Please refer to our risk assessment.
 - ✚ We remain open to Highly Vulnerable Children as identified by external agencies.
 - ✚ Home learning and school support with learning and wellbeing will continue until February 22nd.
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Home learning and Wellbeing

We understand home is not school. You are doing a fantastic job with your children, **and we are thankful** for any learning you are able to do. As a school, we will ensure your child has an appropriate curriculum offer. However, every family is different, and their circumstances are too. You and your children will have good days and bad days.

I want to reassure you - Please do not struggle nor battle with school work! You do what you can, when you can. Your children will be well if you are! Your health and positive wellbeing are important to us - always has been, always will be!!! Do not be hard on yourselves; be kind to you! More importantly - talk to us – we want to help!

We also know that whilst you are home, you will need continued support; we asked you to complete a questionnaire for feedback on support whilst at home for online learning, devices and the curriculum offer. Thank you for all the parents who have responded so far. We are actioning feedback as we speak, providing additional support, help and guidance.

Further adjustments to our home learning and wellbeing contact with school will adapt, based on the feedback we have received and in consultation with our wonderful staff. We will be communicating these adaptations next week as we are now expected to continue with remote learning and a longer- term plan. Again, with everyone's wellbeing at its heart! We have asked on many occasions **if you need a device**, contact the office; **we can help with devices**.

Whatever your situation, please get in touch - even if you just want a chat. With this in mind, **we have arranged a Virtual Community Café and Coffee on Zoom on Thursday 11th February - details to follow. Please save the date as we would love to see you!**

Please keep reading your emails and staying connected. We can all work together!

Stay strong, look after you and stay safe our Westwood Family.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Williams and Team Westwood.