

To our Dear Westwood Family,

You will have heard from today's Welsh Government announcement that we will be **phasing in Foundation Phase Pupils during the week commencing Monday 22nd February** as long as the infection rates continue to fall. As you can imagine we are very excited about this prospect! We will know more about the phasing in of Foundation Phase children back into school **next week**, with a **firmer plan of how this will look for our Westwood Family**. Up to press there is no **information on children in key stage 2**. However, we may know more next week to share with you on this matter.

So, the confirmed position from Welsh Government is at the current time is:

- The youngest pupils in Wales **will** begin returning to school after the February half-term **if** rates of Coronavirus continue to fall locally.
- **If the transmission of Covid - 19 continues to decline**, pupils will start returning to school in a phased way from Monday 22nd February, beginning with our youngest learners – Foundation Phase Pupils.'

What this means for our Westwood Family:

At this time, 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 on the website.**
- ✚ 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.

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!

I want to reassure you - Please do not struggle nor battle with school work! You do what you can, when you can at this time. 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 and we will!

Thank you too for your amazing response to our online learning and curriculum offer questionnaire. We were incredibly appreciative to your positive responses for a job well done!! We have looked at the feedback with our teams and we are looking to make some adaptations to our learning offer going forward. We sent out a letter explaining these adaptations on Wednesday 3rd February with the title: Exciting Changes to Home Learning Offer. Please check your emails and read all about it!

We have arranged a **Virtual Community Café and Coffee on Zoom on Thursday 11th February @ 10.30 am to 11.10am**- see invite below-

To join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97215845461?pwd=cDRTMmhseFNmdmUvWms1eGwyU1p0dz09>

Meeting ID: 972 1584 5461

Passcode: Nc3vB5

Please save the time and date as we would love to see you!

To enable us to return from Monday 22nd February, we should all continue to work together. This will mean that we should keep on doing what we are doing and not mixing with other families outside of our bubble. Follow the guidance and look after each other so we can all return to learning together.

We will know more next week about the return to school so please keep reading your emails and staying connected! Stay strong, look after you and stay safe our Westwood Family.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Williams and Team Westwood.