



8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Remote Learning

I would like to begin by wishing you a Happy New Year. These are incredibly challenging times, but our collective determination, resilience and optimism will enable us to cope with the difficult months ahead.

Following the Minister's announcement today, we now know that it is unlikely that children will return until after the February holiday. With this in mind, my colleagues and I want to do everything possible to support your child with on-line and independent learning. In contrast to the first lock-down in March 2020, the National Curriculum has not been suspended. The expectation now is that children are learning remotely and digitally from their homes.

As of Monday 11th January, I am requesting that Rhosnesni students follow their timetable, using Google Classroom, as best they can. This means that our young people will be able to interact with teachers in real time. We believe that this will give students more routine and structure to their days. It will also allow our teachers to give more immediate and bespoke feedback. My colleagues will be available throughout their timetabled lessons and will communicate through typed messages.

I know that this more structured approach will encourage and motivate many of our learners, but I want to reiterate that wellbeing is still our priority. I do not want our students to feel anxious if they are experiencing technical issues or having difficulties accessing materials. My colleagues and I will be patient, supportive and understanding. Similarly, I want our students to spend time engaging in other purposeful activities such as reading for pleasure, cycling, drawing and family walks. Finding the right balance during January and February is going to be essential.

Next week, my senior colleagues will send you some further advice and guidance to support our on-line learning protocols. Please take the time to read any information provided and to discuss educational provision with your child.

Again, we appreciate that these are difficult times for Rhosnesni families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you in any way.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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