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Article 3:

Everyone that works with children should do the best for them

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you all safe and well. The teaching staff have really enjoyed being able to check in and catch up with our families over the past two weeks, especially hearing about our Cwmnedd children and on times being able to chat with them. We will continue to check in over the next few weeks too.

As I said in my previous letter, we are grateful to the families who have contacted us about online learning as this has really helped us to tweak and make changes to make this process easier for our children, and of course yourselves. Teaching staff are ensuring that as many tasks set as possible are now saved as J2pdf documents, so that they can be completed online in your child's HWB folder.

Mr Horrell has created a **'How to...' guide for accessing work on J2 files**, which was sent out to you via text on Monday but can be accessed by clicking this link. <https://bit.ly/38R3olf> Mr Horrell has also set up a **'How To..' ICT guides** section in the **Home Learning Support** tab on our school website.

Continuation of Learning

During this school closure, the focus is very much on the continuation of education for our children, and it is important that they are able to engage with the online learning tasks set.

Please contact school if you do not have access to a device that enables this.

As a school we greatly appreciate that families are juggling many things at the moment so please remember we are at the end of the phone or email if you need us. Alongside the tasks set by school, it is important to remember the life skills that can be encouraged during this time, such as cooking, self-care, looking after pets as well as the chats and learning opportunities that can happen when you go for a walk, or go to the shops or engage in a project that interests your child.

Nothing replaces the face to face interaction of learning in school, we don't expect parents to be teachers, but to work together with school so that learning can continue at home until we can be a school again soon.

ALN Grant /Carer's Support Grant

We have been informed to share with families that there is currently funding for parents of children with ALN from global learning difficulties to Autism and more significant difficulties including medical conditions from allergies and asthma through to significant medical needs which can be up to £300 although in some instances this can be more depending on need.

Parents can register their interest in this grant by contacting NPT Carers Centre **tel 01639 642277** and they will then be contacted when the new allocation of money arrives.

Parents must be prepared to provide information about themselves and the child/children and be willing to be put on the carers register as part of the process.

FLIPGRID

Staff have received training on the use of **Flipgrid**, which is another tool within the HWB platform. This tool will allow us to share recordings with our children and offers the possibility of children sharing their responses. This tool is something advocated by our LA and as we develop its use, will keep you all informed.

Online Learning Provision from Monday 18th January 2021

Just a reminder that this week, our online learning is accessed via your **child's HWB login**. Work will be placed on the platform that your child will have accessed for Homework this year: either

J2homework (for Reception and Year 2)

or

Microsoft Teams (for Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)

Morning Nursery will have a weekly Learning Plan of tasks for parents to dip in to.

For Reception to Year 6, **two tasks** will be posted on your child's Class Teams page or via J2Homework **every day**.

All tasks are also shared to the children's J2E folders (see above).

There will be **one literacy** and **one numeracy task** for them to access.

In addition to this, staff have prepared a **Home Learning Plan** for the week with other suggested activities that the children can dip in to on a daily basis.

Class teachers will be monitoring their class's online activities during the school day and will provide feedback to the children when they have completed work.

During this time, we encourage our children to access either **J2message** or their **Class Teams Chat** facility if they have a query or a question for their teacher.

Messages will be responded to during school time. Please bear with staff as they will be supervising children in the provision, as well as monitoring home learning and making check in calls.

I have been working with our Senior Leadership Team and staff to create a protocol that outlines our expectations for online learning.

Staff will give feedback on work saved. This will be as a learning conversation on the piece of work in your child's J2e file.

I have set a 5pm daily cut off for feedback, and any work saved after this time, will be 'marked' the following day. Worked that is shared with school, but has not been set by school, will be commented on by staff.

Should parents have any queries or issues around work set please as always contact school by phone or using our email address cwmnedd@npt.school

Covid-19

I wanted to remind our families whose children who attend school provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable children, that should your child need to have a test, or receive a positive test result for Covid-19 or are informed that they have been in contact with a positive case, you must make school aware as it could impact on other children and staff in the school.

Please use the school email account covid.cwmneddprimary@npt.gov.uk in the evening or at weekends, or our school email address in the daytime, cwmnedd@npt.school so that I am able to get in touch with you, so that processes can be put in place.

Please just give your child's name and telephone number that I may contact you on.

Please do not send your child to school if they present with any symptoms of Covid-19 which includes:

A new or continuous cough; A high temperature; A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

Or

if a member of your household presents with these symptoms, or your family have been told to isolate.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if we can help or support in any way.

Cwmnedd Cwtches from us all at school

Please stay safe,

Best wishes
Miss S A Harwood
Headteacher

**Article of the Month for
January 2021:**

Article 29

**The right to become the best
that you can be.**

