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Dear parents and carers

COVID-19 OPERATIONS UPDATE FOR YSGOL BRYN ELIAN, JANUARY 2021

The Welsh Government yesterday announced further school closures in Wales and as a consequence, learning will take place on-line until the 18th of January. This decision will then be reviewed.

As previously we will set work for learners on Microsoft Teams and learners will be expected to be present at all lessons following their timetable for Week A this week. Again, in order to ensure that there is continuity of learning, we will be contacting you as parents or carers if there has been no engagement in lessons. As in normal face to face teaching, the variety of learners' teaching styles will be considered and different delivery models will be used, to include live teaching. It is important to note that Years 11, 12 and 13 will be working towards assessments which will determine their final GCSE, AS or A level grades over this period of school closure.

Staff will be available to answer any learner questions during the school day, but we are asking families not to contact staff before 8.30am or after 4.00pm to allow them a clear space for marking, planning and preparation.

There are videos and guides on the school web site, produced by Mr Woodhouse our Head of Business and ICT on the use of Microsoft Teams. Should you encounter any technical difficulties in accessing Teams, please e mail info@brynelian.conwy.sch.uk

During this period of closure, we will be contacting some vulnerable learners to access a provision at school. A provision will also be put in place for the children of Key Workers when there are **NO** other childcare avenues available to them. In order to access our childcare provision for key workers, parents will need to complete the following access form by clicking the link. Once submitted, if you don't hear from us, your child will have a place in our provision.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ACksjCIHXkO-gioQAAtSYshBlyz4qPP9JqmOeAQwyt_tUMUROQVdZMk5HM1o1N0c0VldTjdCSFk5NC4u

The vulnerable learner and Key Worker provision will start tomorrow (Wednesday) and will run from 8.30am to 2.45pm. This is a full day facility and we cannot accommodate part days.



Over the next two weeks, we have external exams for several subject areas such as Music, Public Services, I-Media, Business and Sport. Unless you hear otherwise, these exams will continue as normal and learners will need to be in school half an hour before the exam start Time. Entry to the school is through the registration and sanitising points in the cafeteria. Learners should then make their way to their exam base, adhering to the 2m social distancing rule throughout. If you have any questions in relation to these exams, please contact Mrs Kerr, the Exams Officer on jak@brynelian.conwy.sch.uk

As a school, our preference would always be to have our learners in our school receiving face to face teaching, care and attention. However, the health of our staff, learners and families are driving factors in this time of uncertainty and change.

I will, as always, make sure that I update you on any new information as soon as I receive it and yet again, I am left thanking you for your ever-present support and co-operation.

We fully understand that this is a very difficult time for all, and to this end our pastoral staff and our team of Learning Mentors are all available during the school day for wellbeing support. You can contact mentors by phone or via e mail.

With kind regards, stay safe.

Mr Dave Humphreys
Headteacher