



16th April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has, and continues to be, an unfamiliar education landscape at the moment, but also a stressful and worrying time for us all and our families.

Lockdown is leaving us all with different struggles and priorities, which is why we have decided to streamline the education package we offer for your child/children from 20th April. The aim is to focus on skill development, maintaining physical and emotional well-being and avoiding too much pressure and stress in an already difficult situation.

From 20th April, your child/children will be set work via Microsoft Teams by their teachers (information can be found on the school website if you have not already accessed this). The tasks set should allow your child/children to work independently, to continue to enjoy learning and to develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy. All work will be set via Teams, but if you would like a paper copy of the work, just e-mail info@brynelian.conwy.sch.uk with your child's name, year group and the subject/subjects to require and we will endeavour to get them posted out to you asap.

The timetable of work should mean that your child/children are only working on a maximum of four subjects over a two-week period. In addition, a daily challenge will be set by our PE Department on their Instagram page: ybepeddept, to enable learners to maintain their physical and mental well-being.

We hope that this approach will allow everyone in the family unit to stay well, avoiding stressful situations, and to help maintain a love of learning amongst our learners. As a mother of three myself, I know how difficult it is to juggle everything at the moment, especially if you're working from home too. The work set by teachers should encourage your son/daughter to work independently to encourage creativity and to reduce the pressure on parents to 'teach'.

I wish you all the best in the following weeks and look forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so. If you have any questions about anything in this letter or the timetable on Show My Homework, do feel free to contact me at lh@brynelian.conwy.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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