

Dear all Parents and carers,

I hope this message finds you well at this challenging time. Today would have been the first day of our summer term, so it is probably a good time to send this update and reminder to all parents, as an encouragement to really get stuck into the home learning activities and to get back in touch with class teachers if you have all had a bit of a break over Easter.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank those parents who have supported their child(ren) through the past few weeks by engaging with the Home-Learning activities and advice we have provided. Your hard work and cooperation will make a huge difference to your child.

To those parents who have found the past few weeks a real challenge, or have not yet engaged with the Home-Learning activities on the Seesaw app, our message is 'Don't give up!'. We are committed to supporting you and your child so get in touch and share any difficulties you are facing and we will do what we can to help.

It is clear that Ysgol Melyd will remain closed for a significant period of time, and that all children will need to continue to learn from home until we re-open. We thought it would be useful to provide you with more resources and suggestions to help you organise your Home-Learning.

We will provide you with the following:

- At least 4 maths and 4 language activities each week, along with a range of other suggested activities to keep your child actively engaged and learning throughout the week.
- A suggested structure for the day, to help you to organise their learning.
- Support in accessing the Seesaw and Dojo apps if you are experiencing difficulties.
- Online support from the class teacher – just message them using Dojo or Seesaw

This is what we expect from you:

- To keep your child healthy, happy, active and engaged with learning.
- To complete as many of the learning activities we set as possible – particularly the maths and language activities.
- To make contact with the class teacher at least twice per week, by posting your child's work on Seesaw.
- To try to post a picture of your child with their work once per week using Seesaw.
- To contact us as soon as you are experiencing any difficulties with the Home-Learning – we are here to help! Using the Seesaw app is key to making Home-Learning a success. You should all have been provided with login details to the Dojo and Seesaw apps, so please make sure that you can access both of these and let us know if you have any difficulties.

We appreciate that this is a really difficult time for everyone, and that trying to juggle normal home life with trying to get your child to learn will prove a real challenge at times. Please remember that something is better than nothing! If you are finding it difficult to establish a routine, it may help to talk through the suggested timetable we have provided, and see what best suits your family situation. The main message is, 'You can do it, so don't give up!'

Good luck, stay safe and let us know if we can help in any way.

Mr Jones (20/04/20)

If you are struggling to make ends meet we are able to refer families to the FoodBank and to other agencies to support you – Please send me a message of give school a ring on 01745 852782 if this might help.