

DYSGU O BELL/CYFUNOL IONAWR 2021 JANUARY BLENDED/DUAL LEARNING

YSGOL GLANRAFON



Distance Learning – when the pupils are at home and receiving on-line education.

Blended Learning – when pupils spend some face to face learning in school and some time at home receiving on-line education.

Distance Learning/Blended Learning in Ysgol Glanrafon

At Ysgol Glanrafon, we will provide Distance and Blended Learning activities for all of the school's pupils. We will encourage the pupils to try out the tasks, but obviously not enforce them to do so. We have considered a number of aspects and challenges whilst planning and setting tasks for specific age groups in order to provide activities that are achievable to everyone. You will notice that there is no set timetable as we wish you to give you, as families, as much flexibility as possible within a timetable that works for you. We encourage every pupil to be as active as possible, both mentally and physically on a daily basis, but understand that this could be difficult in reality.

To follow is an explanation of our arrangements from Monday, January 11th onwards and also of our plans as a school over the next weeks.

Distance/Blended Learning Tasks.

- We will continue to set various tasks by means of Teams and Seesaw.
- Every teacher (by working collaboratively with other members of staff within their teaching departments to ensure consistency) will upload tasks/activities for the class on a daily basis.
- We will continue to plan tasks by following the 6 areas of Learning and Experience as set out in the new curriculum. The areas are noted below:



Foundation Phase (Nursery/Reception/ Years 1 & 2)

Continue with the six areas grid which will be set at the beginning of each week, with some extra challenges set daily.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

In contrast to what we have done in the past, we will now be uploading the tasks on a daily rather than on a weekly basis. We will concentrate on Language and Numeracy tasks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the remainder of the tasks, which will concentrate on the other areas, will be shared on Thursday and Friday.

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If the pupils could aim to complete tasks by 2 'o clock each day, this would be of great assistance to us as staff, but obviously, we are completely flexible, and understand that this is not always possible.

Occasionally, we will also share other tasks based on specific occasions or events e.g. St Dwynwen's Day.

The tasks will be uploaded as part of a grid again, but we as staff will also upload some videos for the children to greet them and explain some of the activities.

Teaching staff

The teaching staff will be available between 9 and 10.00 and 1 and 2 p.m. to respond to any relevant enquiries on Teams, a comment on Seesaw or an e mail. During the rest of the time, staff will be busy planning activities and marking/responding to the pupils' work. We will concentrate on the positive whilst responding to children's work, and if relevant, we will offer a target for improvement for individuals.

We ask you please to be aware of the fact that teaching staff will be in school during some days, as per the school's rota, caring for those pupils in the Learning Hub whilst at the same time, providing Blended Learning for them also. If a member of staff does not instantly respond to your child's work, they will do their utmost to respond at their earliest convenience.

Live chat sessions

It is our aim as a school to conduct live chat sessions for our pupils. At present, we are in the process of putting procedures in place to ensure that this is absolutely safe. All of the school's staff will receive training to ensure that the process is a robust one, with clear guidelines in place.

The live chat sessions are likely to take place during the week beginning the 18th. of January through Teams. **(We are aware that it is KS 2 pupils (Years 3-6) only that use Teams at this time, but we are eager for Foundation Phase pupils to do so also. Teams can be accessed by means of the pupils' Hwb account. Foundation Phase parents – please do not worry about this at this time – further details will be sent to you next week).**

Our aim in these Live Chat sessions is to give those pupils who do not attend the Learning Hub in school, to communicate and chat with their teacher. There will be an opportunity for them to chat informally in Welsh, discuss various topics, discuss how things are going with the tasks and also (if they wish) to share any concerns. We intend to divide the children into groups of around 6-8 pupils to enable every child to chat. Sessions of around 20 minutes will be arranged with you as parents for your child/ren.

Further details regarding this process will be sent to you next week, together with a digital consent form to enable your child to participate in the sessions. The form will have to be filled in by yourselves before your child can participate in these live sessions.

Those pupils attending the Learning Hub in school will not for now, have access to these live sessions.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Contact the office postglanrafon@hwbcymru.net for general enquiries, or if you have a technical problem with Hwb, Teams or Seesaw contact the deputy, Mrs Einir Huws, by e mail – HUWSE@hwbcymru.net

Below, you will also see the e mail addresses of your child/ren's teacher/s. Please contact them if you have any question or concern regarding any matter arising from the above.

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We always appreciate your valuable support as parents. We fully understand that home teaching is not easy in challenging times, therefore, we thank you beforehand for all your work. We are so fortunate of our children at Ysgol Glanrafon, and we very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school once it is safe to do so.

Many thanks.

Best wishes and keep safe,

All the staff of Ysgol Glanrafon.