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Dear Parents/Carers

Updated Arrangements for Distance Learning

I am writing to you following the announcement today from the First Minister for Wales, notifying us of the continuation of school closure until 29th January 2021, at the earliest.

The emphasis since the initial lockdown in March 2020 has been in developing high-quality distance learning opportunities for pupils, via Microsoft Teams. This work is continuing with an increased number of lessons now being 'live'. Our ambition is that all pupils have access to at least one 'live' lesson per day with the remaining being through a 'blended learning' model. It is important that your child follows their school timetable for each day. A new timetable is being sent out to all pupils today; this is the version for pupils to use.

For information regarding how to access 'Microsoft Teams', or for further information on Cantonian's blended learning approach, please see the information and video which is on our website.

Form Tutors will continue to supervise pupils' engagement in blended learning and monitor their wellbeing, and will be making phone calls home on a regular basis. If you have any queries regarding your child's blended learning offer, please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance.

Key Worker Provision

The school will continue to offer an on-site provision for children of critical workers. If you believe you may be eligible for a place for your child, please register your interest via the school's website. However, I must stress that this provision should be used as a last resort only, when all other childcare options have been exhausted.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, the voucher system will continue for the period that the school is closed. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Free School Meals directly at cashless.catering@cardiff.gov.uk

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Examinations

Kirsty Williams, Education Minister, has today written to Headteachers to confirm that in light of school closures, Qualifications Wales have announced the cancellation of the spring internal assessment window (due between 22 February and 23 April) for GCSE, AS and A levels. Revised assessment arrangements for the awarding of these qualifications in summer 2021 will be put in place shortly. Once I have more details of the implications of this to your child, I will let you know.

Upcoming Events

Whilst the school is closed, where possible, all calendared events will continue as planned. This includes parents'/carers' evenings and staff INSET training days. Please see the school calendar, available on our website, for more information.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D Gill'.

MRS D GILL

Executive Headteacher