

GELLISWICK CHURCH IN WALES VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

I hope you and your families are well and looking after each other. Our thoughts are with you all, but especially with any family that is experiencing difficulties or loss. I have an update on our service for these two weeks:

Easter Holiday

Under normal circumstances this week would have been the first of the Easter holidays. When we closed on 20th March, we decided to continue to provide learning activities for the children during the Easter holiday. These are not compulsory, but something for children to do, if they choose to, during these two weeks.

We ensured that half of our staff have already had their Easter leave so that between Monday 6th April and Friday 20th April we are still able to:

1. Provide daily learning activities via Class Dojo and the Hwb platform
2. Respond to messages and queries from parents on Class Dojo during these Easter holiday weeks.
(These first two will not necessarily be provided by your child's class teacher during these two weeks)
3. Provide daily telephone contact from our wellbeing team for many families.
4. Provide childcare for children of critical workers at the Gelliswick Hub, which we are managing

However, please note that **Friday 10th April this week, Good Friday**, will be a holiday for all staff except for those who are working at the Gelliswick Childcare Hub. **Therefore teachers will not be setting activities or responding to messages on Friday 10th.**

Please be aware that our plans are always subject to change, should staff become ill, or be required to work at the Hub, meaning there may be days when we cannot post learning activities or respond to queries.

Messages of support

I would like to thank parents for all the kind and supportive messages you have sent for our staff; it really does make a difference to know that we are working together as a community at this time. Diolch.

We have had many requests of children wanting to communicate with classmates. Many of you are sending images of your child, or the work they have done, through to teachers on Class Dojo. If you are happy for these to be shared across the class and in our school's social media, please let your class teacher know.

Be aware that even if we already have consent to share, these images may be from your homes, which is why we ask for that additional consent.

I will write again early next week with details for how our home learning service from April 20th will be enhanced. In the meantime, we are still here to help, so please do contact us through Class Dojo. You can also call the school and leave a message, or email us using the addresses above.

Take care

Nick Dyer, head teacher

