



GwE Bulletin



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A Message from Arwyn Thomas and all the team at GwE

We hope you are all keeping well in these very difficult circumstances. It may take some time before we return to schools for formal education, but it has been very heartening to see how you are coming together as a school community and addressing the challenge to provide guidance to staff, parents and learners.

We are aware that some of you and your school community are going through a difficult time on a personal level. Our thoughts are with you, your staff and pupils and we will continue to support you to the very best of our ability.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the way in which you have risen to the challenges presented at this time. This is a new way of working for everyone and we will continue to support you as we continue on this journey.

Cadw'n Ddiogel.  Stay Safe.
Dal ati i Ddysgu. Stay Learning.

Stay Safe. Stay Learning

Welsh Government recently published its policy to support schools during the ongoing Covid-19 disruptions. The [Stay Safe. Stay Learning: Continuity of learning policy statement](#) intends to ensure the wellbeing of staff and learners across the country while supporting learners to access distance learning. Each and every one of us recognise that staff across our schools have been doing a fantastic job in engaging learners and protecting their well-being. We also recognise that schools are at different points in developing their distance learning strategy.



As part of this programme regional school improvement consortia, in conjunction with Estyn and ADEW have developed [advice for settings, schools and pupil referral units \(PRUs\) to support them in their work with learners - Developing approaches to support distance learning](#). This document is not statutory. It also relates to [advice for parents/carers](#) through the '[Stay Safe. Stay Learning](#)' programme and [Distance learning tools through Hwb](#)

In addition to the guidance, there are resources available to help prepare learning activities and these are being shared with you via your Supporting Improvement Advisers.

LINKS:

- [COVID-19 Guidance to Parents and Carers to Support Families to Stay Safe, Healthy and Learning](#)
- [Developing Approaches to Support Distance Learning](#)
- [New Advice to Support School and PRU Leaders to Continue with School Business](#)
- [Distance learning tools through Hwb](#)

GwE Information and Guidance

Contacting GwE

We're here to help! We're online and available to support schools and governors.

Contact us at post@GwEGogledd.Cymru and we'll get back to you ASAP.



GwE Resources on Google Classroom

As digital services will be used increasingly in the coming weeks, GwE is collating several sources of guidance to support you, whatever your level of experience in this area. As a starting point, guidance on [Google Classroom](#) and Microsoft Teams is provided. Further guidance on different resources that support 'distance learning' will be added in the coming weeks. Further information available [here](#).

GwE Covid-19 Updates

To make it easier to source & reference, we have created a [dedicated space on our website](#) where we will include all GwE information & updates sent to schools. The space will also include useful links, updates & links from Welsh Government, Qualifications Wales etc.

Update on NQT Guidance

We have received a growing number of queries regarding newly qualified teachers undertaking induction and how school closures will affect their ability to pass during this academic year. The newly amended guidance for induction that has been approved by The Education Minister can be found [here](#).



NQT Guidance - April 2020

During the last two weeks, the four consortium reps have produced a “frequently asked questions” sheet, as well as creating a couple of videos for the NQTs to try to explain the temporary WG guidance which came out a few weeks ago.

Please can you ensure that these reach your NQTs and schools. As previously, GwE will contact the EVs with the updated guidance. The guidance will also be available on the GwE, EWC, Hwb and Welsh Government websites.



Video Link to YouTube



Continuity of Learning and Teaching Form



Covid-19 Induction FAQs

GwE induction lead contact details: Ieuan Jones:



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Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Covid 19 - Welsh Government Updates

Welsh Government links regarding the coronavirus can be found below:

- Welsh Government coronavirus website: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid19>
- Welsh Government guidance for educational settings: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-educational-settings-guidance>
- COVID-19: travel guidance for the education sector: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-travel-guidance-education-settings-and-students-html>
- Public Health Wales advice: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Follow on Twitter [@WG_Education](https://twitter.com/WG_Education) or www.facebook.com/educationwales

Welsh Government - Guidance to Parents and Carers

[Click here](#) to view the guidance from the Welsh Government to Parents and Carers regarding the Covid-19 virus.

Dysg Newsletter

Make sure you receive Welsh Government's weekly updates and developments on education and training sectors in Wales. Sign up to Dysg [here](#)



Information and Guidance from Others

CaBan ITE

For schools with 6th forms, CaBan ITE still have a few remaining places on PGCE and BA Hons (QTS) for both primary and secondary. Applications can be made through clearing when it opens.

Professional Teaching Awards Cymru 2020

In light of the current situation the decision has been made to postpone this year's Professional Teaching Awards Cymru event that was due to take place on Sunday 17 May at Hensol Castle. A new date for the Autumn/Winter 2020 will be confirmed later in the year.

BookTrust Cymru

The new BookTrust Cymru HomeTime page is now live.

You can access the site here:  <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime-cymru>


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SSCE Cymru

[Click here](#) to access information/advice/guidance and signposting to organisations and resources relevant to supporting Service children during the Coronavirus pandemic.
For a copy of their latest Newsletter, [click here](#).



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