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Message from GwE and the Region's Local Authorities

Schools across North Wales have sprung back to life last week as children and young people 'check in, catch up and prepare for September'.

Learners in all year groups have been encouraged to come back to school to meet up with their teachers and friends after weeks away from the classroom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools in Ynys Môn are ready to welcome their learners next week.

Caring for the health and wellbeing of learners, staff and adults on school sites has been the priority as schools put their plans into action. Teams from the six Local Authorities and GwE have worked together to share their expertise and agree a common approach. Experts from across the region have worked with schools to develop detailed risk assessments that have anticipated potential problems and put safety first. With their support, school leaders, staff, governors and families have made the return to school a positive experience for children and young people.

The support of outside agencies, suppliers, contractors and the wider community has helped schools to put their plans into action. Without the extra supplies, new cleaning routines and safe school transport schools would be unable to open safely.

The feedback we have received from children and their parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive. To see and hear the joy felt by our children and young people at returning to their familiar settings and re-engaging with their friends has been wonderful and inspiring. It is clear that they will not be daunted by the situation in which we find ourselves.

Our schools have been fantastic in the way they have kept learning going. It is clear from recent experience that learning knows no boundaries and will not be locked down.

Your continued engagement and commitment to joint-working and collaboration is genuinely appreciated. We will continue to work with colleagues across the region as we prepare for September.



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.



Blended Learning Guidance

Take a look at the [guidance for Developing Integrated Approaches to Support Blended Learning for the Phased Opening of Schools](#) developed collaboratively between the four regional consortia and Estyn to support the reopening of schools.



All Eyes on Wales - Online Event

THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2020 - 08:45 - 16:30

This online event will allow us to reflect on the Curriculum for Wales with a focus on Ethical, informed citizens. You will be able to access a number of sessions throughout the day that will showcase the work different organisations are doing to help support and develop young people.

Each session will have a unique access code for TEAMS live. You can sign up for as many sessions as you like.

Links to register through Eventbrite are now included in [this](#) agenda.

Welsh Language Resources

Flipgrid

A Resource to support the development of speaking and listening skills using Flipgrid has been published on Hwb. [Click here to view it.](#)

Diary

Keeping a journal can be very beneficial, and is a special way of sharing things that are important. [This is a link to create a diary online using Adobe Spark.](#)

STEM Gogledd Newsletter

[Click here](#) for the latest copy of their Newsletter.



Useful Links

Google Classroom for Teaching Assistants

- [Instructions on how to access the page using your Hwb account](#)
- [Guidance on how to use Google Classroom](#)
- [Voiceover explaining what's included in the Google Classroom](#)

Please contact WendyWilliams@gwegogledd.cymru to receive the new access code for Google Classroom for Teaching Assistants.



GwE Resources on Google Classroom

[Guidance on Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams](#)
[Further information](#)

GwE Covid-19 Updates

[GwE information & updates sent to schools](#)

Newsletters

[Welsh Language Newsletter](#)

Webinars

Details of each webinar are available on our [website](#).



Welsh Government Information and Guidance

Written Statement: National School Categorisation System 2020/21

On the 6 July, the Minister for Education announced that, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, she has taken the decision to suspend the National School Categorisation System for the 2020/21 academic year. This means that schools will not be assessed or placed in a colour-coded support category for the forthcoming academic year, and no support category will be published on My Local School in January 2021.

Further information available [here](#).

Covid 19 - Welsh Government Updates

- Welsh Government coronavirus website: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid19>
- Welsh Government guidance for educational settings: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-educational-settingsguidance>
- Welsh Government: Education and childcare: coronavirus: <https://gov.wales/education-coronavirus>
- COVID-19: travel guidance for the education sector: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-travel-guidance-educationsettings-and-students-html>
- Public Health Wales advice: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>
- [Education Minister Announcement - 03/06/2020](#)
- [Letter sent to all Headteachers and Governors - 06/06/2020](#)
- [Letter sent to all school staff in Wales - 12/06/2020](#)
- [Plans for increasing operations in schools and settings](#)
- [Written Statement: Publication of guidance to support educational settings increase capacity.](#)
- [Operational Guidance](#)
- [Guidance on learning over the summer term](#)
- [Childcare guidance](#)
- [Welsh Government: FAQ Section](#)
- [Stay Safe. Stay Learning' programme](#)
- [Advice for settings, schools and pupil referral units \(PRUs\) to support them in their work with learners - Developing approaches to support distance learning](#)
- [Support for parents/carers](#)
- [Distance learning tools through Hwb](#)
- [New Advice to Support School and PRU Leaders to Continue with School Business](#)
- [Supporting your Children to use the Welsh Language at Home](#)
- [Young Person's Mental Health Toolkit](#)

Information and Guidance from Others

New Parents' Survey - Coronavirus and schools reopening

Thank you to the 257,000-plus parents who responded to our previous survey in May about the impact of coronavirus and school closures on families with school-aged children. Such an amazingly high level of response saw the results mentioned on the main BBC news and gain wide media attraction. Pushing parent voice to the top of the news agenda enabled us to share your views with education policymakers in three of the UK's governments.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Parentkind
Bringing together home & school





A new book about children's concerns in the midst of the pandemic

As children return to school, a new book discusses their concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jon Burgerman's book *Everybody Worries* will be published by Rily of Caerphilly under the title *Mae gan bawb ofidiau*.

The aim, says Llinos Dafydd of Llandysul who adapted the book, is to tackle the emotions that the Coronavirus has provoked.

[Link to Welsh version](#). [Link to English version](#).

Bangor University: Free Online Reading and Spelling Instruction

Researchers and educators at Bangor University are currently offering a *FREE online literacy course* for Key Stage 2 pupils over the rest of the term and into the summer. Lessons are in English. This programme is specifically designed for online provision in which pupils receive 8 weeks of literacy tuition, delivered by expert educators, completely free of charge. They can do this either from home, with their caregiver, or if your school is now open, in the classroom. They just need access to a computer and internet. All we ask schools to do is to forward [the pre-packaged information to parents](#). We provide the programme along with all the technical assistance.

Further information available [here](#).

If you are interested in joining this study or would like more information, please email Cameron Downing (c.downing@bangor.ac.uk) or Manon Jones (manon.jones@bangor.ac.uk).

Welsh Sabbatical Courses

[Click here](#) for further information regarding the Welsh in a Year Sabbatical Course and to apply.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Intermediate Level Welsh Language Sabbatical Course and to apply.

North Wales Online Reading Project – Keeping Pupils Reading!

HEADSPROUT

There are now **FREE** 90 day Headsprout licences giving access to online reading tuition, supported by a **FREE** comprehensive online training package from Bangor University.

[Click here](#) for further information.

If you would like to join the project, or if you have any questions, please e-mail sarah.e.roberts@bangor.ac.uk

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