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Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we find ourselves waiting for information regarding the possible return to school. Below outlines the information announced by the First Minister this morning. Schools at this point have no further information. Of course, once any further detail is received, we will communicate how this will affect you as a family in a timely manner.

## **Welsh Government Announcement (as of 8.30am)**

The Welsh Government said it would work with "schools and education partners on a phased and flexible return to school" after 22 February, providing the public health situation continued to improve. The First Minister commented that there was a "strong case" for having the very youngest children back in school as "they're not able to learn online and remotely"

A more detailed comment from Kirsty Williams the Education Minister can be found below-

[https://twitter.com/wgmin\\_education/status/1355048032199462913?s=24](https://twitter.com/wgmin_education/status/1355048032199462913?s=24)

## **Childcare provision and COVID-19**

Transmission rates are still high in our community.

If there is a case of COVID-19 in the childcare hub, children and staff attending will be asked to self-isolate and the childcare hub bubble will close until further notice. If anyone has symptoms in your family, it is vitally important that you inform the school and that you do not send your child into the setting. The school requires confirmed notification of both a positive and negative test. **If you have any doubts about whether your child is well enough to attend, they should remain at home.**

## **Childcare provision during half term**

Newport City Council have confirmed this week that hub provision in schools will not be available over the half-term.

## **Information/ Key Questions from Welsh Government regarding Hub provision**

***Will schools be open to any learners?*** Schools and colleges will remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable learners, as well as for learners who need to complete essential exams or assessments.

***How do local authorities identify who is a critical worker?*** Local authorities must have regard to the list when deciding who is a critical worker. In deciding who is a critical worker,



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local authorities will also want to reflect on types of employment and associated impacts in their area.

The law only requires one parent to be a critical worker for the obligation to make arrangements to apply.

Being included on the key worker list does not mean children of all workers in these categories can or will be able to continue to send their children to school. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.** However, if a parents/carers work is critical to the COVID-19 response or is in a key sector such as **health and social care** and the child/children cannot be kept safely at home, then priority should be given for continued education provision.

## Microsoft TEAMS

We will continue with the live streamed sessions next week. Years 3 to 6 will have a different focus next week. Although we will continue to place a great deal of importance on children connecting with teachers and classmates, they may well be used to reinforce new skills or to iron out any misconceptions.

Please let school know if you are having issues with connectivity or if you need help accessing the sessions.

<b>Timetable for Teams Sessions with Class Teachers</b> <b>(from w/c 25th January)</b>				
Foundation Phase	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Fridays	Monday and Wednesday	Tuesday & Friday	Monday & Thursday	Monday & Thursday
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b> Group 1: 9.30am Group 2: 10am Group 3: 10.30am  <b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> Group 1: 1pm Group 2: 1.30pm Group 3: 2pm Group 4: 2.30pm* (*nursery only)	<b>3DW</b> Group 1: 9.30am Group 2: 10am  <b>3JAD/JH</b> Group 1: 1pm Group 2: 1.30pm	Group 1: 11am  Group 2: 11.30am	Group 1: 9.30am  Group 2: 10am	Group 1: 10.30am  Group 2: 11am

## Planning, Preparation and Assessment time for teachers (PPA)

Please be reminded that all teachers take their PPA time on Wednesday afternoons, therefore, they will be unable to respond to requests and queries from parents or pupils. The activities planned for Wednesday afternoons will be of an independent nature and will



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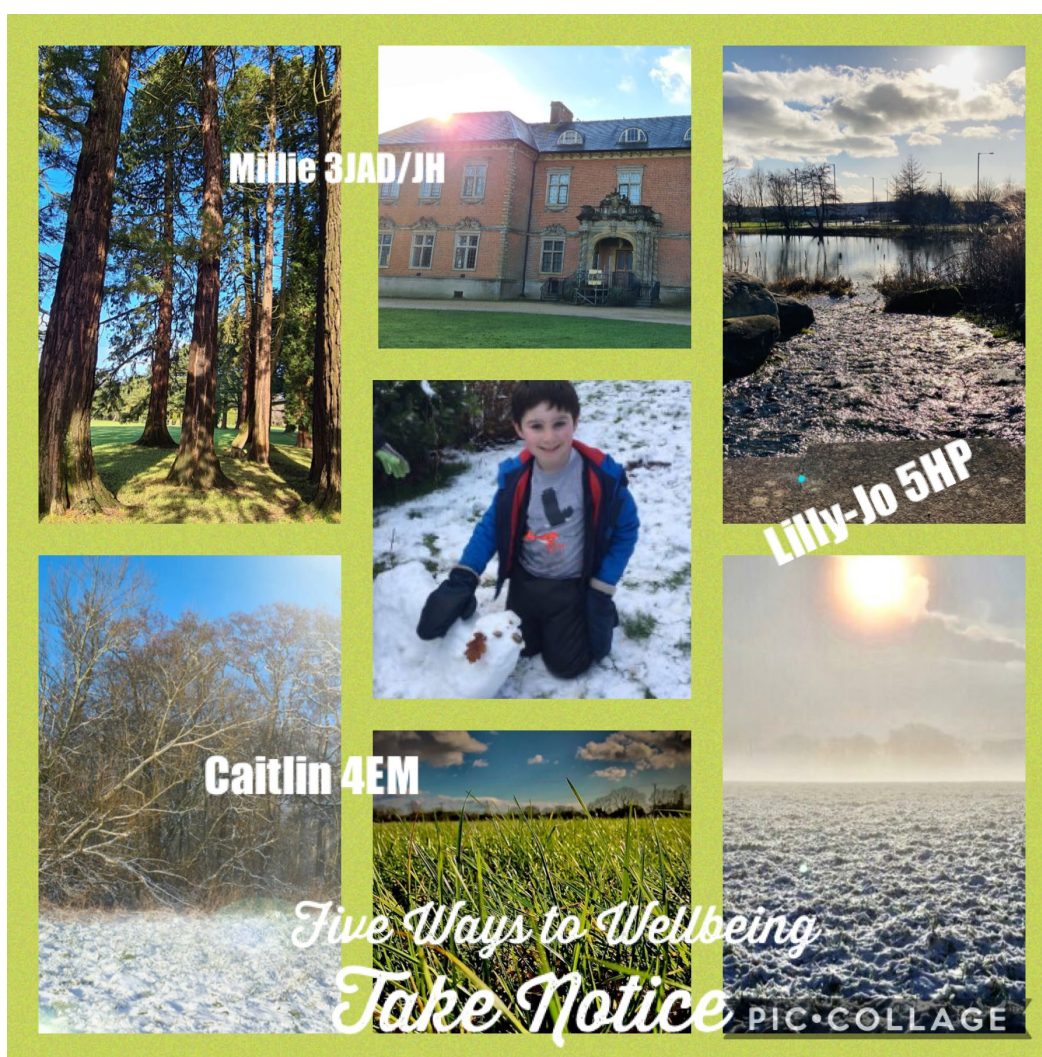
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not require feedback. If you need advice or it is an emergency please email/telephone the school.

## 5 Ways to Wellbeing-Taking Notice

Thank you to all our amateur photographers who 'took notice' on their daily walks. We have a few examples for you to enjoy below-



Thank you all once again for your continued support during this time.

Kind Regards,

Mrs L.J. Lewis and the Marshfield Team