



## Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda

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Dear Pupils and Parents / Guardians of Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda,

At the end of another productive and busy half term, I hope all our families take time to enjoy being together during the Whitsun break. We hope you are keeping healthy and safe. This continues to be an unfamiliar and unusual time for us all as a school community and the interaction and co-operation between our school community and our families has been invaluable to us all during this time. During the last few weeks, we have enjoyed telephone conversations with you, our pupils and your families, and we are very proud of your efforts, resilience and work whilst familiarising yourselves with this new way of learning. Our relationship with you continues to be of utmost importance to us, and we very much look forward to maintaining these relationships with you all next half term.

### Remote Learning

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child learns in a different way – as we continue strengthen our remote learning structure. Remote Learning can be challenging for pupils, staff, and parents alike. There is an abundance of lessons and resources available on Google Classrooms, through the Hwb learning platform.

As it is officially holiday time for your child next week, we don't expect him/her to be completing school work every day. It's also important for your child to rest and reflect after such an unusual half term and considering the conditions we're facing. However if your child is eager to engage in tasks please refer to the afore mentioned resources on Hwb.

Official lessons will resume on **Monday 1 June**, and new provision and resources will be available via Hwb by that date. Can I kindly remind you also to refer to our remote learning timetables which can be found on our school website.

### Childcare Provision

As you are aware, childcare provision has, so far, been available for the children of Key Workers in seven Hub Schools across RCT. Thanks for your co operation in following the appropriate processes in order to ensure access to this provision.

As of **Monday June 1st**, emergency childcare, provided by a new Welsh medium Hub school will be open to all pupils within the Cwm Rhondda Cluster of Welsh medium schools, at **Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llynforwyn, Ferndale**. Should you wish to access this new provision, please follow the usual registration procedures. Similarly, should you wish to discuss this provision in more detail, please contact us.



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However I must underline that the safest place for your child, and all of us, during this time, is at home.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank staff who have volunteered to work in Hub Schools over the Whitsun break. Our pupils and school community are fortunate to have such constant support and dedication.

It will be unusual Whitsun break for many of us who usually travel to support our pupils at the Urdd National Eisteddfod. However, we very much look forward to being able to supporting our pupils' fantastic talents soon, and in the meantime, how about following this year's Eisteddfod on S4C and BBC Radio Cymru?

The community of Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda is a very strong one and I remain confident we will support each other and reach out to those around us when needed during this next period. As soon as we receive an update regarding the re-opening of schools, we will contact you.

We wish you well during this half term break. Look after one another and keep safe. Remember you are welcome to contact the school on the usual number if you would like advice or guidance.

We are here to support you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elise Jones'.

Elise Jones

(Pennaeth Dros Dro).