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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Home-Learning Update

At the end of last week Welsh Government sent out revised guidance regarding live lessons, meaning that our teachers now have access to this teaching tool, with teachers and pupils following stringent guidelines in order to keep everyone safe.

As outlined by Welsh Government, this is an optional tool for teachers to use to enhance the experience that our pupils receive and many teachers will choose to use this as part of their blended learning approach, where pupils might receive some live lessons or parts of lessons and on other occasions pupils might receive written instructions, pre-recorded videos and worksheets to complete and submit. Teachers will inform their classes directly of the type of blended learning they will receive.

In order to keep everyone safe it is important that pupils follow these guidelines:-

- All students' microphones must be muted and cameras switched off for the duration of the lesson. For some lessons the teacher may allow students to switch their microphones on, this will be an instruction by the teacher at the time.
- Students must not record any part of the lesson in any way (this includes but is not limited to screen shots, photographs, video or audio recordings).
- Students should ask questions by typing their question in the 'show conversation' area.
- When told to do so students must leave the lesson. The teacher will be the last to leave.
- Students should be prepared for the lesson by having all required resources at hand, be in a suitable environment to work and be dressed appropriately.
- Normal standards of behaviour and respect are expected. If any behaviours are deemed inappropriate by the teacher the student will be removed from the lesson.
- Please note that for safety purposes lessons will be recorded by the teacher. If you do not wish your child to take part in 'live lessons' there is no requirement for them to do so. We ask that you discuss these expectations with your child.

Finally, as a result of parent voice I have reminded teachers to carefully consider the amount of work being set to ensure it can be completed in the time that has been given. It is really important that our pupils are not overwhelmed, and their well-being is considered.

Please get in touch if there are any comments about workload and I can pass them on to our Directors of Learning who will respond and support you and your son / daughter.

Kind Regards

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