

Annwyl Rhieni / Dear Parents

Mae'r Corff Llywodraethol a'r Pennaeth yn parhau i ddilyn canllawiau Sir y Fflint. Gweler y wybodaeth isod os.g.y.dda (derbynwyd gan y Sir @ 12.40yp heddiw).

The GOVERNING BODY of Ysgol Gwenffrwd and HEADTEACHER are continuing to follow the guidelines set by FCC. Please see the information we received from Claire Homard & Vicky Barlow, FCC, at 12.40pm today

SENT ON BEHALF OF CLAIRE HOMARD

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your positive and proactive response during these very challenging times. We have taken the decision that all schools who are able to, should open on Monday 23rd March to provide provision for children whose parents are **vital workers**, in the instance where they are either:

- **A single parent**
- **Both parents are vital workers**

At this point, we are waiting for more detailed information from WG regarding the definition of vital workers. From a pragmatic perspective, the Council has determined that provision should be made on Monday morning for children of parents who identify themselves as meeting the above criteria; the need for further checking regarding parental status will be considered during the week.

The expectation is, that any child who can safely be cared for at home should be, and it is in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances that they will need to access this provision. It is important that this message is reinforced with parents as the purpose of school closure is ultimately to reduce social contact.

Schools will be expected to offer extended provision to support the working requirements of these vital workers. Schools should plan to be open between 8.00am – 5.30pm.

We have planned that NEWydd (FCC Catering Service) will operate from the designated Hub schools (e.g. Holywell area – Maes y Felin / Holywell High School premises).

In light of the FCC's decision to keep schools open next week, NEWydd will be able to provide cold meals to cater for all children who attend - if parents choose to pay for school dinners. Free school meals provision continue.

The school transport network will continue to operate for the first week for the children of vital workers should parents need to access it. This will be reviewed and adapted as the situation unfolds and further information will follow later.

Our Emergency Planning Team (FCC) are clear that this arrangement will be in place for one week and that planning towards implementation of the Resilience Hubs must continue in earnest, with a view to implementation w/b Monday 30th March.

Schools will need to have regard to the latest WG and Public Health Wales advice and guidance when considering their provision, particularly with regard to social distancing and self-isolation, see link below:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

We are mindful that you will have a number of queries regarding this arrangement which we will collate and formulate a group FAQ.

We have been extremely grateful for your valuable contributions to this dialogue which has helped shape our provision for Monday.

