

## School Closure

School buildings will be closed until further notice. Children of critical workers/key workers who are unable to provide childcare at home are able to register their child to attend the cluster hub school based in Welshpool. Preschool children can also be registered to attend Footsteps in Welshpool.

To register, please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/emergencyhubs>

Education Minister for Wales, Kirsty Williams has provided an update this afternoon stating that schools will **not** be opening on June 1<sup>st</sup> and that no firm date has been set for re-opening schools. For full details please see <https://gov.wales/education-minister-sets-out-thinking-return-schools>



Thank you Ellie D, Reuben and Gethin for sharing your rainbows.

Thank you for all the rainbows sent in or uploaded in pupil files. Any pictures used will be cropped so pupils do not appear as the newsletter also goes onto the school website.

## Impact of Covid-19 on Mental Wellbeing

During this time, we believe it is important to understand how changes in our normal routines are affecting the health and wellbeing of pupils in our school. We are working with the HAPPEN primary school network to look at the health and wellbeing of our pupils over this period. The responses given will be used to inform help and support needed for children and families.

If you would be happy to participate in this survey please click on this link to access the survey and information sheet: <https://happen-wales.co.uk/thehappensurvey/>

We do not underestimate how challenging this time is for some families. If your child is unable to access/complete work for any reason, please let us know. All teaching staff, including myself, are here to help if needed, either directly with schoolwork or for other support or advice. You can contact your child's teacher through their Hwb email or through the school [office@forden.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office@forden.powys.sch.uk) Alternatively, I will be in school next Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 9:00-12:00 01938 580334.

## Bereavement

If your child has experienced a bereavement, there are resources available on the school website to help you and your child. If necessary, this can be emailed directly to you – please ask.

## J2message

Staying in touch with friends is very important during this time. There is a message app available for all pupils through j2e. This is an ideal way for children to message each other safely within a closed group. All messages within the group can be seen by the children (and teachers) in their class. Teachers can also stay in touch with pupils through this platform which is more informal than sending emails.

### **Continuing Education**

Hopefully, we have all developed new routines to help us manage our time as we adjust to a different way of working. Nearly all pupils are engaged with the work being set by teachers and we love to see examples of what you have been busy doing, whether schoolwork or other activities at home.

Work for all pupils is set on a Monday for the week. This is to allow families to organise 'school time' around other commitments. Work for pupils in Dosbarth Collen and Dosbarth Ysgawen is sent by email through Hwb. Work for pupils in Dosbarth Bedwen is shared through their j2e files. Additional activities for pupils in Dosbarth Bedwen, including story time, are available through the school Facebook page. Please check that your child is completing the work set.

### **Lexia**

Well done to Jake (Y2), Seth P, Seth K, Gethin and Demi for completing a level on Lexia. Da iawn. Two j2stars have been awarded to each of you.

**All the staff at Forden School miss all the pupils and hope you stay safe and well.**