



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 15th January

Access to school for children of critical workers and vulnerable learners

School will remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable learners. If you are classed as a key worker and wish to access this provision, please complete the form sent out with this newsletter to book for next week (Monday 18th- Friday 22nd January).

Teams meetings with teachers

Class Teams meetings will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the following times.

9:10 Dosbarth Ysgawen

9:45 Dosbarth Collen

10:30 Dosbarth Bedwen

Pupils will be able to join the meeting once their teacher has started it. Each meeting will last about 20 minutes.

This will be a chance for pupils to check in with their teacher, ask questions about their work and to speak to friends in their class. We will keep to the same times/days each week. We understand that not all pupils will be able to attend each meeting, but they should be attending one of the meetings each week.

Although pupils can join Teams by logging into Hwb/office 365/Teams, if they are able to access through the Teams app, they can see more than one person at a time on screen.

We are planning to start 'drop-in' sessions with for pupils in Ysgawen to speak to their teacher if they are having difficulty with a specific piece of work (e.g. a maths activity). Details will be forwarded to pupils in Ysgawen on Monday.

Engagement with school work

There is a requirement for schools to monitor pupil engagement with school. We are asking, that as a minimum, pupils log in to j2message each day to read any messages from their teacher and access their tasks set for the day.

Under new guidance, there is a requirement for all pupils to be **seen and heard** at least once a week. The easiest way will be through their class Teams meeting with their teacher. If this is not possible then Mrs Fowler will arrange a video call with the pupil and their parent at a mutually convenient time.

If you are having any issues with accessing, completing or uploading work, please contact the school (01938 580334 or office@forden.powys.sch.uk). Attached to this newsletter is guidance on uploading work direct to your child's j2files from a tablet or phone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

To ensure the work and activities set for your child is both accessible and effective, we would like you to know your thoughts and comments. Your responses will help further develop our approach to remote/blended learning.

Please follow this link to complete our [Remote/Blended Learning questionnaire](#).
Please complete a separate form for each pupil.
This form will remain open until 3pm Wed 20th January.

Friday Assembly

Follow the link to our Friday Assembly – [Gwasanaeth Gwener](#).

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