



# Blackwood Comprehensive School

## Ysgol Gyfun y Coed Duon

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**Ymdrech I Drechu – Strive To Succeed**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

Although we have had to close, the staff of Blackwood Comprehensive School are still working together, and with the Local Authority, to support our families during these difficult and challenging times. We will continue to provide updates and information as we receive it, but in future they will be relayed on our new Facebook page, school Twitter account and our website. Please continue to monitor them.

### **Childcare Hubs for Key Workers**

The Local Authority are providing childcare places for emergency blue light service, NHS and social care staff. I am pleased to say that many of our staff have volunteered to work in these hubs, to support the front line workers in our community. If you believe you (or your partner) are eligible and need this childcare provision next week, and have NOT already received an email with the form, please follow this website link

<https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Health-and-wellbeing/Coronavirus/Council-services-during-Coronavirus/Schools-and-community-adult-learning>

You need to submit the form by 5:00pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March if you need urgent childcare next week.

### **Free School Meals**

The Local Authority will be distributing packed lunches for pupils eligible for free school meals to the following locations daily from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. There is no need to bring proof of receipt, as a register will be there. Details of where the lunches will be delivered can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter account and on our website. Blackwood Comprehensive School pupils can pick up their lunch from their nearest primary school.

Additionally the Local Authority is looking to continue to provide free school meals to all eligible pupils whilst the schools are closed. If your child is eligible and you wish to continue to receive this service, please will you contact the following email address [bridgesintowork@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:bridgesintowork@caerphilly.gov.uk)

### **Wellbeing**

We are working with the Local Authority to provide childcare for our vulnerable learners and have also made provision to ensure that we monitor the wellbeing of all groups of learners and their families. If you have any concerns or queries, or feel you need some additional support, please contact us on our school email address [blkca@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:blkca@caerphilly.gov.uk)

I would like to thank you once again for your support over the last few weeks, as we have been watching these events unfold. I hope it won't be too long until we are able to open our doors again but until then, take care of yourself and your loved ones. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

  
Jane Wilkie

Headteacher/Pennaeth

