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Dear Parent/Guardian

COVID-19 Update

I write to provide an update of life at the school, as we navigate our way into the eighth week since the official closure of schools. As you know, all information sent out to you is on the front page of our website, this includes the support available to students and families. I would encourage you to keep an eye out for updates and continue to check emails.

Les Misérables: (7-10 July) It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of the school production of Les Misérables. Cancelling the production is not a decision we have taken lightly and we understand that the whole of the school and local community will be very disappointed. We are very sorry that the show will not be able to go ahead this year but the health and wellbeing of all of our students, staff and families is our top priority.

Please see attached two posters. The first celebrates the phenomenal cast and the second cancellation poster outlines how refunds will be processed.

Hub School Provision: The school continues to provide daily childcare provision for the children of essential key workers. The provision is based in Ysgol Y Ddraig. The provision has been running for seven days per week including the Easter holiday and the recent VE day bank holiday.

One small change from this week is that all applications must be made by 5.00pm on Thursday to secure places for the following week. Applications are made via:

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ChildCareHubs

Home Learning Provision: I wish to thank all our families for the support you are providing as part of the delivery of the home learning. It could not be achieved without your help.

While school remains closed, our staff will continue to produce work which will be emailed out on Monday morning. As a reminder, it is also available in google classroom prior to the email update. I appreciate that there is a great deal of work available and, for a few students, this may be causing some concern. However, this is not the intention. We recognise there will be a need for our staff to revisit learning when we do return to school. We have tried to address concerns raised but if you do have any questions please remember to contact the school by phone or via email:

llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Public Examinations: Please be advised that Qualifications Wales are conducting a consultation on the awarding of grades for the summer series of exams. The survey will run until **13 May at 5.00pm**. The link to Qualifications Wales COVID-19 page can be found via <https://qualificationswales.org/english/coronavirus---covid-19/>

Transition: We understand that transition arrangements generally will need to be different this year. Parents/guardians of Year 6 pupils should have received data forms via email from your child's primary school and these will need to be returned either via email to:

llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by post to Llantwit Major School, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major, CF61 1TQ. We hope that we will be open to facilitate some form of year 6 transition event but until we have an actual return date, it is impossible to plan what this will be. Rest assured that we will do everything we can to make the process positive for the year 6 pupils who will be joining Llantwit Major School in September.

Llantwit Quilt- The Home Economics department have been inspired by [#Quilt2020](#) [#rainbowquilting](#) [#covidcrafting](#) [#scrappyquilt](#) and have decided to start our own quilt 2020 challenge. Every member of our community is welcome to participate - students, parents, carers, grandparents, staff and governors. The aim is to create our own Llantwit community quilt that will record this event and all the contributions we have made to stay safe within our community. It will be displayed in our school and will tell future generations our story of this time. The panels will be assembled and stitched together to form a quilt to be displayed when we are able to return to school.

We would like everyone to create a textile panel documenting your thoughts/feelings/memories of lockdown/Covid-19 through the medium of textiles. The panel must measure 20cm by 20cm (8 inches by 8 inches) and can be assembled using any textile processes or techniques. Keep hold of your panels for now and we will give you a date to bring your panel to the school when it is safe to do so. These will then be assembled into a memory quilt by Miss T Games. Please see attached information sheet which outlines the project in more detail.

Wellbeing Team- By popular demand the 'wellbeing team' have put together a second video to remind pupils and parents that we are still thinking of you. Please view on the front of the website.

As it stands there is no official announcement regarding any re-opening of the school, we are continuing to plan for September as we would normally. As soon as any information becomes available, be assured we will communicate our response with all members of the school community.

Finally, I wish to thank all members of our school for the support shown during these past 7 weeks. To our staff, who have been actively engaged with the areas described above, many of whom are doing this while providing learning to their own children and/or caring for members of their own families; to our students who have maintained their high standards and dedication to learning in what has been an incredibly challenging time and last, but not least, to all our families who have been instrumental in supporting us through these difficulties and reinforcing the importance of the government guidelines. While we are not sure when we will return to normality, I am certain that we will be an even stronger community.

Yours faithfully



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