



# Bryn Offa Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week has been quite the challenge.

The process for parents to apply for places has now concluded, with just the appeals process to complete. I will continue to send out information to the parents of the children currently attending when it is just relevant to them, but I will also continue to keep the whole school informed about things in a weekly email as a minimum. Time critical information may come out by email or text mid-week.

Many families currently home educating will be trying hard to access all the online resources and may not have the broadband or devices to manage this. An email has gone out to parents this week regarding free data on mobile contracts if parents meet certain criteria. The criteria are tough, so this may not be help to many parents but please do check the email from Miss Morris as this could be a real help if you are eligible.

Lack of devices to access the learning can also be a challenge. If you are struggling, please send me an email as we may have some laptops available soon (especially if we can get some laptops donated by individuals or business). If you do have a laptop that could be donated, we must be able to install Windows 10 on it and it must have a reasonable battery. All donated laptops will be professionally erased by the local authority technician and rebuilt, so you do not need to worry about security.

When it comes to home education, please remember those words I'm sure you have used with your own children thousands of times .... 'Just do your best'. Don't be hard on yourself, it is completely counterproductive. Your main role is to keep your children happy, motivated and most of all safe. Not just safe from the virus, but also safe from any online dangers. Please keep an eye on what they are accessing and wherever possible make sure you can see their screen. If you have any concerns over online security, please contact me directly.

Please also remember that work can be printed at school and made available for you in printed form and left at school for collection. Due to infection risk, we want to keep this to an absolute minimum so if you can access the online learning this is always preferable.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Thompson