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Dear Parent/Carer

Earlier today the Welsh Government announced that schools will remain closed to students until at least 29th January 2021. They also indicated that schools are unlikely to open until after half term unless there is a significant reduction in transmission rates of Covid 19.

The John Frost School will continue to provide blended learning for all students via our digital platform, Hwb. It is essential that all our students engage in their learning. If you have any issues accessing work or have any queries please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

Below is some information about the types of lessons/learning your child can expect to receive while working at home. There are two types of 'live lessons' that your child will have:

Teams conference call:

- Students from a class log on to a **Teams** conference call with their teacher.
- The link to access the call will be found in the students' class Team and they log on to it at the time allocated (the usual lesson time for this subject).
- Students should access these calls in a communal area of the home (kitchen/living room etc) and should be appropriately dressed. They should have their cameras turned off for this type of lesson.
- Their teacher will give them a least one day's notice of this type of lesson.
- Please note that teachers will endeavor to send a message home to inform you of live lessons for students in Y7-11, but students also need to take responsibility for this for themselves by ensuring their notifications for each Team are turned on; this way they will get messages from their teachers regarding the timetable of live lessons.

Pre-recorded lesson set as an assignment:

- Students access their Team at the time of the lesson and view their assignments.
- Part of the assignment will include a pre-recorded lesson (put together using 'stream') from the teacher that the students can view and pause when suitable to complete tasks.
- The teacher will be on the Team for the lesson and students can interact with them via the chat facility (or via email if they prefer).

There are advantages to both types of 'live' lesson for students. Please note that staff at The John Frost School are doing their very best to ensure the work is available at the start of the lesson for the students.

Other lessons:

It may be the case that the teacher sets independent study in some lessons. This would usually be linked to a previous 'live' lesson, where for example the teacher might have explained a task, modelled work and had a Q+A session and then asked the students to complete a task independently in the next lesson. This reflects learning at school. The teacher would still be available via the Team/email during this independent study lesson to support students. We would not expect students to work independently on a task unless a student has previously been supported and guided during a 'live lesson'.

Yours sincerely



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