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Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are aware, Kirsty Williams, Education Minister, announced last week that secondary schools in Wales would not be returning to school after half term. Therefore, The John Frost School will remain closed to students for the week beginning 22nd February 2021. Students will continue to access blended learning via the school's digital learning platform, Hwb.

Below is some information about the types of live lessons/learning your child can expect to receive while working at home.

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.

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 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.

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'.

We have been working hard to support students who are digitally excluded by providing over 150 laptops/chrome books for our students. We are also awaiting delivery of a further 60 that we will distribute to students as soon as possible. If your child is not able to access their online learning, please contact the school and let us know.

I will write to you when I receive further information. Please stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tucker', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Tucker
Headteacher