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8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You will have heard on the news today that schools in Wales will now be moving to online learning until the end of this half term unless there is a significant reduction in Coronavirus cases by the end of January. Please see the attached letter from the Meirir Ebbsworth from Ceredigion County Council regarding this decision.

I am pleased that this announcement has been made in the sense that there is a national approach and we now have some medium-term certainty about the situation. Although we would all prefer schools to be fully open on site to all learners, at the moment it is right that students are at home so that transmission can be avoided as much as possible in the community.

We are therefore continuing with the online learning in the manner described at the start of the week, with full timetable in place, following the students' normal timetable. We will review this provision as we go through the lockdown as we are aware that it is important to balance teaching and learning with student and staff wellbeing. If you have any views on this as we progress through the weeks, please do let us know through [admin@penglAIS.org.uk](mailto:admin@penglAIS.org.uk).

It is important that your child registers with the form tutor at the start of the day, 9am, and then to let their teacher know that they are present in every lesson by putting a note in the chat. We are monitoring attendance and will be aiming to call home if a child is not in a lesson.

Many children find it daunting to respond verbally online to their teachers. We would encourage students to build up the courage to respond and to engage as much as possible with the teachers in the lessons. The more they are able to put in to the lesson, the more they will get out of it.

If your child is struggling in any way, please contact your child's head of year in the first instance. You can also call the school as the reception will be manned this time.

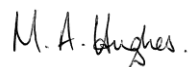
If you experience any problems with IT, please contact the Ceredigion Helpdesk on 01970 633678 or by emailing [servicedesk@ceredigion.org.uk](mailto:servicedesk@ceredigion.org.uk).

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We will aim to maintain clear and concise communication over the next five weeks. Should you have any questions at any time, please contact [admin@penglais.org.uk](mailto:admin@penglais.org.uk).

Thank you for your co-operation as always.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. A. Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Ms M Hughes  
**Pennaeth/Headteacher**