



# Ysgol Gynradd **Tycroes** Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to let you know that the timetable for Live Streaming Sessions for the coming week has now been posted on the website and Classlist. There may still be a few sessions to add in, but the majority are now confirmed.

The timetable shows both whole class sessions and group sessions. Your child is invited to join all the whole class sessions (indicated in red), but the group sessions will involve different groups of children, and so your child's class teacher will let you know which group session your child is invited to attend – it may be one during the week or it may be more depending on the focus of the group.

The purpose of the group sessions is that clusters of children can be targeted to provide different levels of support or challenge where needed. Some children may need some support in literacy and/or numeracy skills, or they may take part in some activities to help their wellbeing and promote social interaction with their peers. Groups may target areas such as reading, phonics, and maths skills and will allow the teacher/teaching assistant to focus on any specific concepts or skills that the children need to develop. These groups may also be used by teachers/teaching assistants to target groups of children who have a particular talent in a subject area, and would benefit from being challenged further. This is our ultimate aim but like every new initiative, it sometimes takes a bit of trial and error before it runs smoothly. We would appreciate your patience, but also your feedback to help us deliver sessions as effectively as we can.

Whilst staff have worked together to find the best solution for avoiding clashes between sibling sessions, inevitably there may be the odd clash on some occasions. Please don't worry about this if you only have one device – we appreciate that sometimes children may need to miss sessions.

Furthermore, it is an incredibly difficult time and we know that you are doing your best to juggle work commitments and family life with home-schooling – many of our staff have the same challenges with their own children at home! Please do not feel under any pressure for your child to access live streaming sessions if it isn't convenient for you. They are there as an optional offer to support you and your child, but are by no means meant to become a burden or a source of stress. There will be plenty of activities set by your child's teacher to support

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their learning, and maybe even some pre-recorded sessions that you can access at a time which is suitable for you and your family.

Please remember that your child can only access the live streaming sessions if you have completed the questionnaire to provide consent. The Live Streaming Acceptable Use Policy can be found on the website and Classlist, and this needs to be read before providing consent. The questionnaire for consent can be found by following this link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k1dl794svU1Hi7DegyWwEp5UNzVIQjQyNkIPNFVVWTNXRk8yMzl4NDdFUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k1dl794svU1Hi7DegyWwEp5UNzVIQjQyNkIPNFVVWTNXRk8yMzl4NDdFUS4u)

Please keep an eye on your child's learning platform (Google Classroom/Google Meet for juniors and J2E/Teams for Foundation Phase) for up to date information, and also please remember that we are here to support you and your family in your child's learning wherever we can.

Stay safe and healthy!

Yours sincerely,



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