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Hello everyone,

Hope you have had a good week and that you and your families are staying safe and well.

We are continuing to support our community keyworkers with emergency childcare and the families who have been accessing this have been very supportive with keeping in contact and updating me with their changing needs and circumstances – thank you so much! Newport City Council have again widened the eligibility criteria – please see their website for full details.

Please remember that the childcare we are providing is if those eligible to apply have no other option.

The Bassaleg cluster agreed last week that teachers would take a break from setting the usual daily tasks for the next 2 weeks. This will restart Monday 20th April, but it does not stop children continuing to share the things they are doing at home. I was completely humbled by the overwhelming response last week from scores of children and their families sharing many of the great things being done at home. The number of children too who have been watching my assemblies (and listening!!) has been fantastic! I will continue to upload an assembly every Monday and every Friday.

I have had some questions from parents regarding school work being carried at home. All schools are currently waiting for the Welsh Government to set out their expectations/guidance with regarding distant learning. Until then, we will continue with the arrangements we currently have set up, i.e. consolidation of previous learning and topic-based research activities. We don't want to set something up and then for us to have to change it when the WG issue their guidance. I appreciate your patience with this as this is potentially a significant change from the traditional "homework" we have set, owing to the circumstances we currently find ourselves in.

For those who have asked who are not on Twitter, I have set up an email address for work to be shared: distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com. This will be for sharing work for the "green book".

The FSM hub (for those eligible for free school meals) has continued to operate for the Bassaleg cluster from Bassaleg school site. This will be open on a Tuesday each week during the Easter holidays, to ensure that our most vulnerable families have access to food.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please take care and look after yourselves and your families.

Kind regards,

Steve Rayer
Headteacher

