



Home Learning Provision – Cyfarthfa High School

Firstly, thank you all very much for the support you have given your children as they have moved to a new way of learning and for the very positive feedback that we have received. We are proud of the way our pupils have quickly adapted to more independent ways of learning, of the way they are interacting with teachers and the work they are producing.

We have considered the latest government advice and research on distance learning along with your suggestions for further improving our home learning arrangements. Your comments have been shared with staff so that we can make refinements and provide the best possible provision for your children. As a result, on Monday 27th April we will move to a new streamlined weekly timetable for key stage 3 pupils (years 7, 8 and 9), which should be easier for pupils and parents to follow and enable pupils establish a better routine whilst learning at home (Please scroll to the next page to see the timetable). Year 10 pupils are following different options so they should continue to organise their own routines but the guidelines regarding the amount of work they should be completing each day are the same.

Our new strategy suggests that pupils complete between 2-3 hours schoolwork a day, supplemented with cultural and physical activities such as exercising, reading, playing games, arts and crafts, cooking and any other creative ideas families have mustered up. We are really enjoying seeing the photos you are sending us of the work and activities our pupils are doing so **keep the photos coming please.**

Tasks will be uploaded by teachers for the subjects shown on the timetable each day and pupils will then have a week to complete them. Pupils should be encouraged to upload their completed work where possible at the latest, by the same day, the following week. The teachers will then provide the next task whilst then looking at the submitted work to offer guidance and feedback where applicable. If pupils are not clear as to what they should do remember they can contact their teachers via Microsoft teams. We are also continuing to communicate with parents through Class charts.

We are aware also, that some pupils do not have access to electronic equipment to complete distance learning. If this is the case and you haven't yet informed us, please let us know immediately as part of the Welsh government's strategy for schools at this time is to address the problem of lack of equipment. If you have any issues accessing the online materials please contact the school through email studentinformation@cyfarthfahigh.merthyr.sch.uk so that we can address the issue.

We want to ensure that our pupils not only have a balanced 'diet' of learning activities and exercise but enjoyment and relaxation each day to maintain good wellbeing. We realise that it can be challenging, particularly where there are a few children working at home so we thank you all so much for your continued support!



KS3 Home Learning Timetable

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| English | Mathematics | Science | English | Mathematics |
| Welsh | Geography | History | Religious Studies (year 7 and 8 only) | French/Spanish |
| <i>*Physical Education</i> | ICT | <i>*Physical Education</i> | Technology Design Technology Cooking | **Creative Arts Drama, Music, Art |

*Physical Education – our staff will provide suggestions for the timetabled physical activity but it is recommended that pupils supplement this with physical activities of their choice on other days.

***Creative Arts - learners may be set an extended task which will last over a few weeks (eg a project to make something or to learn a new piece of music)