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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this message finds you all safe & well and doing the best to cope in these strange times.

I want to start by expressing a huge thank you for your support and patience over the last few weeks and for allowing the teachers sufficient time to get to grips with working to support your children in a very different way. Please know that this time away from the children and our school family of VEM is not an enjoyable one. Both the staff and I are really missing the children and have been delighted to receive the regular updates from our pupils, showing the great work you are all doing at home. **Da iawn Pawb.**

However, as we approach what would be our annual Easter Break, I wanted to reinforce the importance of having some downtime and the need to look after our own mental health, which in turn will support the well-being of your children. So put the home learning packs away. Log off RM & Lexia and just enjoy some quality time together. The last few weeks have been incredibly challenging for everyone. I am sure you have seen changes in your own behaviour, as well as in the behaviour of your children, while we all come to terms with the pressures put upon us, adapting to these new ways of living.

Please:

- do not worry about the educational progress of your children, because every child and family are in the same position. The teachers will continue to support the learning of all the children after the Easter Break, with new activities and tasks, which you will find on our website
- continue to use Seesaw to communicate with teachers and to share your unique and fascinating learning experiences
- most importantly, do not stress about home learning. Stay calm and if it is getting too much, take a break. It is not realistic to expect parents/carers to replicate a 'usual school experience' at home, just as teachers cannot be expected to continue to provide normal school education. But, in the short term, we can ensure your children are safe, happy and supported in their learning. We all need to be kind to ourselves and when this is over, the staff of VEM will start where we left off and continue to nurture and develop your children into the amazing and talented little people, we know they will become
- do not hesitate to contact our school, if there is anything we can do to help or support you and your family during this time, using the office email address: emmail@hwbcymru.net
- know that you are all constantly in my thoughts and prayers

On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish every one of you a very Happy & Peaceful Easter.

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards

Rebecca Langley

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