



**Dear parent/carers,**

I hope this message find you and your families well. As promised in last week's update, please find below a brief note from Mr Maughan, Deputy Headteacher foregrounding a link to a parent/carer questionnaire which will enable you to give us very important feedback on how we are doing as a school in regard to managing all aspects of the current situation; thank you in advance for completing this.

**From Mr Maughan**

*Please find below a link to a Google Forms questionnaire designed to gather feedback to help work as well as we can to meet the needs of parents and pupils of the Bassaleg community. The questionnaire has a section regarding our general communication with you and our work to support wellbeing, then a second section regarding the home learning we are offering. **Please can we ask for this to be completed by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May;** it should only take a few minutes of your time.*

*Specifically in reference to the home learning section, this will be useful to help us gather an idea of the experiences pupils are having while they are at home, and help us know where to pitch our teaching when we do return to school. We are very aware that households are experiencing different pressures in relation to home learning, so please don't think that by sending out a questionnaire we are telling you how much or how little home learning should be taking place, just that we are keen to get a picture of what pupils are experiencing and whether what we are doing is working.*

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### **School news**

I'm pleased to be able to report further deliveries of PPE have been made to those in need in our community. More protective visors were delivered to St Woolos hospital and Care Cymru. Requests have also come in from dentist surgeries and physiotherapists who had seen our advert on social media so we are very pleased to have been able to support these services too. Our army of 'satellite sewers' have also done an incredible job making scrubs which this week have been sent to Llanfrechfa Grange Mental Hospital near Cwmbran who

were very much in need of our support. I'm so proud of the efforts and spirit of an enormous group of staff and wider members of our school community contributing to this essential cause.

As ever, please check in with our social media platforms for the most up-to-date information on what members of our school community have been up to. Here, you will also have seen some really lovely evidence of the continued excellent work coming in from your children across the curriculum. Further celebration of pupil success can be seen in the latest edition of the Bassaleg newsletter (link here: -

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The quantity and quality of this edition a true testament to the extraordinary levels of engagement of our young people both within the curriculum and in their extra-curricular ventures this year. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate every student featured in the newsletter; I very much hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.

Finally, whilst there has been much speculation about a possible 'return to school' in the media most recently, the Welsh Government have yet to make any official announcement but have continued to reassure us as leaders that most important is the safety and mental, emotional and physical wellbeing of students and staff. Please be reassured that I will keep you fully abreast of any information I receive and know that we will continue to do everything possible to support pupils' progress and the wellbeing of all members of our community throughout any such process.

You will have noticed that my weekly update has come a day early with it being bank holiday tmw; please try to enjoy the long weekend with your loved ones and continue to take good care of yourselves.

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