



Blended Learning Guidance at Ysgol Y Ddraig

Blended learning is an approach that combines learning in school with distance learning, part of which includes online learning. Blended learning provides activities and opportunities to our learners during a 'normal' school week for home learning activities as well as opportunities to our learners should they be required to learn from home due to COVID 19 or any other extenuating circumstance.

At Ysgol y Ddraig, we use two different learning platforms. *Seesaw* is used in our Foundation Phase classes (Nursery – Year 2) and *Google Classroom* is used in our KS2 classes (Year 3 - 6). Independent learning grids (Dragon Challenge grids or 9 grids) and activities are uploaded to these platforms and used for communication and feedback, they allow families and learners access to online learning resources.

Please see below the options available for each key stage:

Nursery - Seesaw

Nursery will have a Dragon Challenge grid available on Seesaw.

Foundation Phase (Rec to Y2) - Seesaw

- 1. School is open and children are in class.** Seesaw is used to support lessons and provide weekly/holiday home learning.

- 2. Self Isolating (on an individual basis due to contact with a positive case)**
 - **2 to 3 Days** - Dragon Challenge Grid and learning websites (Active Learn etc.)
 - **1 Week (5 school days)** - As above PLUS (Alternate days) 2 class worksheets/activity ideas and/or links to videos/useful websites.
 - **More than 1 Week** - As above PLUS 1 Seesaw activity per week.



3. Bubble Collapse/Local/ National Lockdown

2-3 days - Dragon Challenge/9 Grid and learning websites (Active Learn etc.)

1 school week or more - As above PLUS literacy and numeracy tasks available on alternate days (3 days). Independent tasks available for 2 days. eg. Monday - literacy, Wednesday- numeracy, Friday - literacy. Tuesday and Thursday are days of independent learning using the Dragon Challenge grids.

KS2 (Y3 to Y6) - Google Classroom

1. **School is open and children are in class.** Google Classroom is used to support lessons and provide weekly/holiday home learning.
2. **Self Isolating (on an individual basis due to contact with a positive case)**

2-3 Days - 9 Grid and learning websites (Spelling Shed etc)

1 school week or more - As above PLUS (on alternate days) 2 class worksheets/activity ideas and links to videos/useful websites.

3. Bubble Collapse/Local/ National Lockdown

2-3 Days - 9 Grid and learning websites (Spelling Shed etc)

1 school week or more - As above PLUS literacy and numeracy tasks set for alternate days. Independent tasks for the other 2 days taken from the 9 grid.

Device Loan Scheme

If you don't have access to a device such as a laptop, PC computer or tablet, we may be able to loan a device. You can request to loan a device by contacting the school office. Please only request a device if you absolutely need one as we have a limited number of devices available.



eSafety

It is especially important to keep safe online, below is advice, resources and information for children, parents and carers as well as our school e-Safety Charter which your child will already be familiar with:

[Ysgol y Ddraig e-safety charters](#)

[Keeping safe online](#)

Tech Support

If you have any technical difficulties please do check this page first as your problem may have already been solved: <https://ysgolyddraig2020.wordpress.com/distance-learning-help/>

However you may also email ddraigsupport5@hwbcymru.net

We are always keen to help our children and families. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about how we may be able to improve our blended learning approaches, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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