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Introduction

To keep our members up to date with the ever changing circumstances, our member's e-briefing will now be released twice a week rather than weekly. Through this we hope to distribute relevant updates on the impact of Covid-19, as well as other relevant news.

Children In Wales News

In accordance with Government and PHW advice, all Children in Wales staff are working from home until further notice and the offices in Cardiff and Bangor are closed. However, we are still working. Find out more, and how to contact us [here](#).

End Child Poverty Network Statment

[End Child Poverty Network Cymru issue statement](#) in response to the Welsh Government's school closures to tackle COVID-19

Young Wales Conference: New date

New date for postponed Young Wales Conference: Saturday, 19 September 2020, 10.30am – 3pm. To find out more, or to book your place, [click here](#).



Useful Links

[A daily statement](#) by Public Health Wales on the Covid-19 outbreak can be found on their website. They have also released a number of useful resources and guidance that can be found here:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Welsh Government have a dedicated webpage for advice, news and resources on the Covid-19 outbreak that can be found here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

The Children's Commissioner for Wales website now has an information hub for information and advice and can be found here: <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirus/>

NHS Direct have launched an online symptom checker that can be found on their website: <https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/symptomcheckers/>

Welsh Government Updates

[Written Statement](#) Free school meals - coronavirus guidance for schools

[Written Statement](#): Eligibility for ongoing provision for children who are vulnerable, or whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response.

Welsh Government Updates (cont.)

[Statement from Minister for Education](#), Kirsty Williams, on school closures in Wales.

[Written Statement](#): Written Statement on Summer Examinations 2020

Mental Well-being Updates

[World Book Online](#) have just made their fabulous collection of over 3,000 ebooks and audiobooks available for free for children to access at home. They have books suitable for all ages. Click here to access them.

[Place2Be](#) have produced a guide to help parents answer questions from their children and to support family wellbeing. It can be found [here](#).

Young Minds - Talking to your child about Coronavirus and 10 tips from their Parents Helpline to support family wellbeing: <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

[Covibook](#)– an interactive resource designed to support and reassure children aged 7 and under, designed to help children explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing during the pandemic: <https://www.mindheart.co/descargables>

Platform, State of Mind Project - With schools shutting down and many vulnerable young people without their usual support, the Platform team have been thinking of ways we can keep them connected at this difficult time. They are launching a vimeo channel where they will post uplifting messages, motivational videos and in some “make complete fools of ourselves in the name of raising a smile on their faces”. If you would like to receive a link to this channel to share with the young people you work with, please email sarahhamilton@platform.org, or follow their instagram @Platformstateofmind.

Health Updates

[asthma.org](#) have released COVID-19 health advice for people with asthma as when people with asthma get respiratory infections, it can set off their asthma symptoms.

The [World Health Organisation](#) have released basic protective measures against the new coronavirus.

Education Updates

BBC sets out plan to inform, educate and entertain during unprecedented times. Find out more here The [Digital Distance Learning](#) page is now live on Hwb.

[Qualifications Wales](#) set out plans to establish the fairest way to issue grades for GCSE, A level and Skills Challenge Certificate qualifications.

[How schools will work during the coronavirus pandemic, including exams and assessments.](#)

Finance Updates

Helping Wales through the Covid 19 Pandemic: Citizens Advice Cymru’s briefing on potential measures the Welsh Government could take to protect the most vulnerable families in Wales in the face of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic ([read the full report here](#))