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Dear Friends,

There is little that has a greater capacity to transform lives than a good education. Teach a child to read a book and to enjoy a good story, and he or she will be introduced to countless worlds to explore, people to meet, and ideas to encounter. Teach them to do maths or observe the world scientifically or think through a difficult problem, and he or she will grow up to be someone who can add something to our world. Teach them to do art, play a musical instrument, or dance, and you enrich their souls.

For this reason, the Church from its earliest days has been a champion of education. Some of the earliest schools in Wales were founded and run by monasteries. The spread of literacy during the 18th century and the founding of free schools in the 19th were both initiatives of the Church. Indeed, Clyro Church in Wales Primary School is a descendent of one such school—the legacy of the past lives on in the education that pupils now receive here.

While our Church Schools receive advice and support from Local Education Authorities, they also are supported by the Diocesan Board of Education. The Diocesan Director of Education plus a team of committed Bishop's School Visitors work alongside school staff to ensure high quality education for our children. The Governing Body also has 'Foundation Governors' appointed by the Church who provide further and more regular support and governance for local schools and headteachers. They also ensure that the Christian foundations of the school are maintained and developed in such a way that every pupil feels valued, safe, and able to thrive. In this way, we try to ensure that they not only learn facts, figures, and skills, but also how to be a good and caring individual at school and in the community.

The motto of Clyro Church in Wales Primary School is "Many hands build a house, many hearts build a school." This serves as a reminder that education is about more than job skills—it includes developing the character, virtues, and confidence to contribute to the building up of society. We believe that a sound understanding of Christian principles and practice enables this to happen while at the same time seeking to serve, not only local Christian families, but also the community in which our school is set.

I hope that your child or children will find Clyro Church in Wales Primary School to be a place where they can begin their exciting and lifelong journey of learning with the confidence that comes from caring teachers, challenging lessons, and a warm and welcoming community spirit.

With my very best wishes,
+John Lomas

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