



Ecumenical Patriarchate Archdiocese of
Thyateira and Great Britain Deanery

**Children's Summer Camp
Wales 2021**

After very careful consideration, having consulted with Archbishop Nikitas and also with the owner of the camp site, it is very much with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of our Children's Summer Camp in Wales for a second year running, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

We have followed developments and noted the current Government advice, and although we recognise that some events are taking place this summer, the situation in many parts of the country remains uncertain, not least with new coronavirus variants being recorded. Whilst the timetable for the lifting of the current restrictions is still not confirmed, to plan to gather adults, young people and children from many households on one site would not be a reasonable course of action.

Furthermore, given the setting of our camp, with no permanent facilities, we feel that the logistics of maintaining a social distancing strategy, self-testing and if necessary isolating any incidents, as well the requirement for regular washing of hands and face covering indoors, would be extremely difficult to maintain and would inevitably mean the loss of the special character and family atmosphere of our camp.

Our camps have been running for some 45 years, bringing together children aged 9 to 16 and their leaders, from our parishes and communities in the UK and occasionally from Europe. So, it is with a feeling of deep sadness that, with the blessing of our Archbishop, the organisers have taken the decision to cancel the camp again this summer.

We would have all really benefitted from the camp community this year particularly and wish to thank all the helpers and leaders who were hoping to join us this summer. It is our fervent hope that everyone will be able to join us again next year when we shall look forward to welcome both new and old campers to our Deanery's summer camp.

We will keep you up-to-date with future developments and plans to meet up again. In the meantime, stay safe, have a good summer and may God bless us and protect us all!

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