

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a well-deserved break and some quality time with close family. It certainly wasn't the Christmas we had anticipated but I hope it gave you time to relax, recharge your batteries and reflect.

Next week will look very different from a teaching and learning perspective. School will be open from Tuesday for care and support for the following parents and if childcare is not available to parents elsewhere:

- Health and Social Care Workers
- Public Safety (emergency workers) and national security workers
- Education and Childcare workers

If numbers remain low, we will accommodate these children in the hall sat in their year-group bubbles. Breakfast Club will be available from 8am but the children will need to bring in a packed lunch.

For Thursday and Friday, we will then be able to offer care and support to those in the list that can be found on the Welsh Government website <https://gov.wales/schools-coronavirus-guidance>. If you fall into any of these categories and do not have child care provision elsewhere, you will need to either contact your child's class teacher to confirm a place or ring the office on Monday afternoon to speak to Mrs Thomas.

We aim to invite ALL pupils back to school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, however from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January online learning will be provided for all pupils not accessing Care and Support during this week.

Your child/child's class teacher will be in contact with you shortly about the next steps for online learning although for some of you this will not be new to you. Your children have also received lots of support since September accessing work online so hopefully they will be far more confident and engaged in independent learning. Our children have missed so much because of this virus, but we won't let it hinder their education any more.

I hope to see you all back to school next week. However, if you or a family member display symptoms of Covid 19, please stay home, let us know and arrange for a test.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Priest-Jones