

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and to update you on the end of term arrangements. These continue to be extremely difficult times for all members of our community in Wrexham and we know that Covid-19 has had an ongoing impact on many aspects of our lives.

Despite the fact that we returned to face to face learning at the beginning of September, throughout the term many pupils across schools in Wrexham have continued to experience disruption to their education as we managed the impact of Covid 19 in different ways.

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases of Covid 19 amongst children and adults in Wrexham County Borough. As a result, many children and young people have been required to self-isolate and present themselves for PCR tests. Unfortunately as we approach the Christmas break cases are continuing to rise. We are also acutely aware that any positive cases that may be identified next week would result in individuals having to isolate over the Christmas period, including Christmas Day. This would have a huge impact on our community.

All members of the education community are concerned about the rise in cases and the impact this is having on children and families. It has therefore been agreed with the Local Authority that face to face learning will cease for pupils at the end of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December; and remote learning will be provided for all pupils on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December.

All schools will make provision available for vulnerable learners and the children of critical workers where required. We would request that parents who wish to make use of such provision contact school by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The list of critical workers can be found in the following guidance:- [Identifying children of critical workers: guidance | GOV.WALES](#) We would request that you use this provision if no alternative childcare arrangements can be made. School will require proof of your role as a key worker before you can access the provision (if you haven't used the provision in the last lockdowns).

The local authority and our school community are absolutely committed to offering the best provision under increasingly difficult circumstances and we recognise how worrying this situation must be for you.

I am sure that you will join me in extending thanks to all of our school staff who have worked very hard to implement rigorous and robust safety measures and to do as much as they can to provide quality learning experiences. Your continued support and understanding in this situation is greatly appreciated.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy a safe, family Christmas and that we can all look forward together to an improving situation in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

The Local Authority, Headteacher and St Anne's Governing body.