



# Ysgol Tanyfron

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## School Update – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are all aware that these are extremely difficult times for all members of our community in Wrexham and we know that Covid-19 has impacted on many aspects of our lives.

The purpose of my letter is to inform you of the impact of Covid-19 on the end of term arrangements.

As you are aware, many pupils across schools have continued to experience disruption to their education during this time and 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. 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.

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 all pupils at the end of **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**; and remote learning will be provided for all pupils on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. The Local Authority has also agreed that on the basis of the circumstances of some individual schools, it may be necessary to make a local decision to move to remote learning earlier than Wednesday.

Having considered all of the factors we have agreed with our governing body and local authority that face-to-face learning will cease on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** when we will switch to remote learning. 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 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

Mr D. Lloyd  
Headteacher

Therefore, as a result of the announcement today I wish to bring to your attention the following points –

### **Dragons Daycare**

Dragons Daycare will close for the festive period on **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** in line with school. For additional information, please speak with Katie and the team directly.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Whilst Christmas Dinner has gone ahead as planned today for Key Stage 2 pupils, we will be moving the Foundation Phase dinner to **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. Should you not have returned your form indicating your preference for a Christmas Dinner please do so as soon as possible.

Due to the expected numbers of pupils participating in the Foundation Phase Christmas Dinner for pupils in Key Stage 2 on that day we will only be offering a packed lunch not the choices on the current local authority menu.

### **Christmas Jumpers & Parties**

We will also be moving our end of term activities and parties because of the new closing date. Nursery will continue with their plans as normal this week whilst Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 will be having their parties on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. **On this day, pupils can come into school in their Christmas jumpers**. Unfortunately, we will not be having 'toy day' as we have in the past due to the high risk of transmission.

### **Christmas Hamper**

Whilst we have all missed the pupils performing, in their annual concerts/productions we are delighted to say that courtesy of Mr Simon Till and his company St Hospitality Consultancy Ltd & Beer Trading they have donated the traditional Ysgol Tanyfron Christmas Hamper.

This very kind donation will allow us to raise much-needed funds for pupils starting the New Year and spring term. Therefore should you wish to purchase a ticket(s) please send money into school into a pre named envelope. Tickets will be charged at £1.00 per strip. Unfortunately, you cannot escape Mrs P that easily! She will be also be selling raffle tickets at the end of the school day following all social distancing guidelines.

The draw for the hamper will take place on **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, 09.15am so the lucky person can collect the hamper before the school day ends.

### **Staffing Departures**

As noted in previous correspondents we have/are losing two much loved members of staff. It is with great sadness but excitement for them that we wish Miss Catherine Roberts and Mrs Sharon Jones the very best for their new adventures.

Both have played an integral part of school life since joining us. Miss Roberts has taught many pupils across both Key Stages whilst Mrs Jones has more hats to her name than many retail outlets. Both have helped the pupils in their care learn, prosper and progress and we wish them all the best for the future.

### **Staffing Arrivals**

Following the appointment of Miss Stephanie Burgin to the year 4/5 class from January, she was due to visit on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December to meet staff and pupils. Because of the announcements today, we will be liaising with Miss Burgin's current employers to discuss the possibility of her visiting before Wednesday.

### **Training Days**

A reminder that following discussions with all the relevant parties the schools training days for the remainder of this academic year will be –

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021,
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021,
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April,
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May,
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of all staff to thank you for your support during the autumn term. I do not think any of us would have predicted the challenges we have faced this year. Therefore, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive period and a Happy New Year.