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School Update – Friday 18th December

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following the announcement yesterday from the Welsh Government regarding a ‘staggered return’ to school after the Christmas holidays I write to you this morning to outline our initial thoughts and proposals for January.

Trying to provide you with a clear overview at this moment is difficult. As noted in previous correspondents and the formal statements and publications yesterday (noted below) we don’t have a clear picture of what January will look like at the moment.

A WLGA spokesperson said:

“The plan to return to schools in January will give some certainty, whilst also allowing for flexibility to take account of local circumstances.

“Teachers, school staff, learners, and parents and carers’ response has been remarkable throughout this challenging year. It has not been easy, and we thank them for their continued patience and perseverance to help keep our communities safe.

“To help curb the rapid spread of the virus, we must all continue to do all we can to protect ourselves, each other and our communities.”

A Welsh Government spokesperson said:

“We all recognise that these are unprecedented times and that we have to be agile in how we respond to the impact the virus has on our communities.

“By agreeing to a flexible approach during the first two weeks of the new school term in January enables our schools to put in place proportionate arrangements which reflect their specific circumstances and is guided by public health and safety considerations.

“We know from our children and young people that they learn best when in the classroom receiving face to face learning so any measures we put in place must look to minimise further disruption to their education.”

Therefore, our initial discussions have resulted in us concluding that Monday 4th January will remain a training day. School will move to online learning from Tuesday 5th through until Friday 8th January whilst Key Worker provision and vulnerable pupils will be able to access school from Thursday 7th January. School will then reopen as normal for all pupils from Monday 11th January.

Whilst we appreciate this presents challenges for all parents/guardians we have worked with the local authority to provide the safest return to school as possible.

Online Learning

Individual class teachers will set online learning activities on Tuesday 5th January for the Tuesday and Wednesday, and then a further set of activities will be uploaded on Thursday 7th January for the Thursday and Friday.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupil Provision.

Provision for Key Workers and Vulnerable pupils will run between the normal school hours of 08.45am / 08.55am and 2.45pm/3.00pm. Breakfast club provision will run as normal from the Thursday 7th January and payments should be made through the normal local authority payment system.

We have an updated Key Worker list from this term, however if you feel you will need to access the provision for the two days in January you will need to ask your employee to provide you with a letter and email this to school before **MONDAY 4th JANUARY.**

Whilst Key Worker and vulnerable pupil provision is available, the staggered return is to allow for an extended period of self-isolation in relation to the new national lockdown measures implemented from the 28th December. Therefore, please only utilise this service if alternative childcare arrangements cannot be found.

For any parents/guardians who will need to utilise the key worker provision for the two days can you please email school directly and NOT class teachers SEESAW accounts. To allow us to make appropriate 'bubble' arrangements can all bookings please be with us by **MONDAY 4th JANUARY.**

Year 4/5 class

As noted in previous correspondents the transition for year 4/5 pupils, parents/guardians and Miss Burgin has already been difficult and the new arrangements have made this even more challenging. As a school we will be ensuring as quickly as possible on the 4th January Miss Burgin has the appropriate access to SEESAW and Google classroom etc.

As today is Miss Roberts, last day please send any queries/questions to the school email box (mailbox@tanyfron-pri.wrexham.sch.uk) after today.

Coronavirus Information for the Christmas period.

As noted previously if you have any queries regarding coronavirus or self isolation please feel free to contact school. We may not reply immediately but we will be checking the emails daily. Should your child(ren) test positive during the holiday period we please ask that you inform school along with the local authority public protection health team. Please see official letter and guidance below –

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know our schools will be closing for the Christmas period on the 18th December 2020. During the Pandemic you have been asked to contact the schools directly should your child test positive for COVID 19.

During the holiday period we understand that this will not be possible, however we do still need to know about any positive cases. Could we please ask that should your child test positive after 18th December 2020 and before 4th January 2021 that you contact the Wrexham Public Protection Team directly. They will need to know the pupils name, date of birth, school attended and year group.

The email address Food&FarmingCovid-19@wrexham.gov.uk and telephone number is 01978 207120

As a school we appreciate the uncertainty facing this holiday period therefore, we will endeavour to keep you updated as best we can over the Christmas holiday period. Please try to have to a relaxing and enjoyable festive period.

Yours sincerely



Mr D. Lloyd
Headteacher