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Dear Parent / Carer

Yesterday evening the Local Authority released a joint press release along with Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire Local Authorities. This was released following an announcement made by Kirsty Williams, Welsh Government education minister regarding the closure of schools for the Christmas break and the spread of the virus.

Whilst the last day of the Autumn term for Pembrokeshire schools remains as Friday 18th December, primary school buildings will close on Monday 14th December and distance learning commence on Tuesday 15th December. At Spittal, Friday 18th December is a planned INSET staff training day as communicated through the dates calendar and newsletter. Therefore, learning for all pupils at Spittal will be via distance learning for Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December.

As a staff we have designed a series of learning activities which reflect the time of year and support the independent, creative thinking approach to learning which we promote across the school. The selection of learning activities will be shared via Dojo on the morning of Tuesday 15th and we will once again be asking all children to complete their daily check-in via a link from Dojo. Class teachers can be contacted via Dojo to help with any queries regarding the set learning activities. We will be sending home a reminder of passwords for learning platforms we use across the school and will signpost the help guides for using aspects of technology. Please contact your child's class teacher regarding any password queries.

Parents of children who have attended critical worker childcare previously will be contacted to ascertain whether they have childcare arranged. We are able to offer a very limited number of critical worker childcare places (due to having to maintain children in class Pods) for Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December as outlined in the letter from the Local Authority. This provision is not available on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th as outlined in the letter from the Local Authority.

Whilst we would prefer for everyone to be able to complete the term in the school building, we also endorse the message of working together to help reduce the spread of the virus and keep everyone safe. As a school community we have shown what we can achieve through distance learning; I am confident that through our established approach of supporting each other we can continue to ensure our children have the opportunities for learning and developing.

Stay well and take care of each other.

Mrs S. Vaughan

