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Friday 17th December 2021

End of Term and Arrangements for January

Annwyl Rieni / Warchodwyr,
Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to the press announcements and letters from Powys County Council, I can confirm that we will be open as usual next week and break for Christmas on Wednesday 22nd December. We would like children to wear uniform on Monday and Tuesday but wear their Christmas outfits on Wednesday. Children may also bring a treat on the last day of term (no nuts though, please).

We will be using the inset day on 4th January as previously planned, to prepare for the introduction of the new Curriculum for Wales which is being introduced next September. The extra days of 5th and 6th January will be used to plan and prepare for the Spring Term. We will be using the time to assess staffing levels, review our Covid operational plans and update our risk assessments. We certainly hope to have all children back at school and learning with their teaching staff in January, but we must be prepared to provide blended learning for some learners at least if classes are badly impacted by Covid during January and February.

On Friday 7th January we will be providing blended learning for all children. The school building will be open to children of keyworkers. Please check the guidance via the link below to see if your child is eligible and you need him / her to attend school.

[Identifying children of critical workers: guidance | GOV.WALES](#)

School meals will be provided, and school transport will operate as normal on 7th January.



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We are aiming to keep the number of people in the building to a minimum and ask parents to assist us by keeping children at home if possible. It would help us enormously to plan staffing for 7th January if parents could let us know by Wednesday 22nd December – if possible – if you expect to need to send your child to school. Emails to the office after this date will also be appreciated if you don't yet know what your work arrangements will be in the first week of January.

We will update parents on operational arrangements as soon as we are able, but I am able to tell you now that Breakfast Club and Busy Bees won't be open until Monday 10th January at the earliest when we expect school to be fully open once again.

Despite the frequent interruptions caused by Covid and other illnesses this term, I'm sure we are all delighted that the children have been able to attend school every day, play with friends and make consistent progress in their learning once again. It's incredibly frustrating – to say the least – that we may be faced with further disruption in 2022. I'm sure we're all hoping it doesn't come to that.

On behalf of all staff and governors, I would like to thank you all for your support and the many kind messages of appreciation that we often receive, and which mean a great deal to us. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and our very best wishes for 2022!

Cofion cynnes,

G. Cornelius



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