



CILFFRIW PRIMARY SCHOOL
YSGOL GYNRADD CILFFRIW



17th December 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I will keep you updated as soon as possible with news regarding arrangements for the beginning of the next term.

I have just left a meeting with Aled Evans, Director of Education. The Local Authority will send out a confirmation letter tomorrow. This is a summary of important information from the meeting:

At the moment infection rates are continuing to rise and are at present doubling every 7 days. We now have over 830 cases of Covid-19 per 100,000 people, and have a 27% positive test rate. This is putting huge pressure on our local hospitals and social care provision. I know that you have all been exceptionally careful and cannot thank you enough for your support for the school. Please take extra care this Christmas – keep yourselves and your families safe.

Neath Port Talbot Education Authority has decided that the first two days of next term, **Monday 4th January and Tuesday 5th January**, will be buffer days. School will be open to staff but **closed to all pupils**. The first day for pupils will be Wednesday 6th January, when we are expecting to open under the same timings and routines that we have followed this term. The buffer days will be used for preparing for the next term, organising online learning and updating Covid-19 risk assessments and procedures.

Unless there are further developments linked to the spread of Covid-19, or any new directives from the Welsh Assembly, the first day back for pupils is Wednesday 6th January. If this changes, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Please have a very safe and relaxing Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Quin
Head Teacher