



Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-nedd Port Talbot



**CATWG PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
YSGOL GYNRADD CATWG

*Headteacher/Prifathrawes: Mrs Carol Bassett*

**December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Dear Parent/Carer**

Please see the letter attached from the Local Authority regarding a change in arrangements for the end of term. Apologies for the short notice, things have changed very quickly today. The letter states that all primary schools will close for most pupils on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All children can attend on Monday.

Foundation Phase pupils can access activities on the website. Click the home learning tab and find the relevant class.

Junior Pupils can work on the isolation packs which were sent home at the beginning of term, and any other material which may have been sent home by teachers this week.

The school will be open as a hub for the children of designated key workers from Tuesday to Friday of next week. In this instance Key Workers have been identified as those working for the NHS, social care workers, school staff and those working for TTP. Both parents must be key workers. If you are a key worker and a single parent and cannot find childcare, you will be able to access this provision.

The hub will run with the current class bubbles, and children from different bubbles will not be able to mix. Normal school hours apply.

We are trying to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus by having as few pupils in school as possible, so please only use the childcare provision if you have no other option. Please contact us on [catwg@npt.school](mailto:catwg@npt.school) if you are a designated key worker and would like your child to attend.

Regards

Carol Bassett  
Headteacher

## LETTER FROM DIRECTOR of EDUCATION

Dear Parent/carer

### END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS AT NEATH PORT TALBOT FOR PRIMARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Pupils of a primary school age and those attending special schools will be moving to distance learning provision in NPT from Tuesday, **15th December**, onwards. This will ensure that pupils continue with their studies until the end of term on **December 18th**.

It is vitally important that all pupils engage with this provision and we must emphasise that, on the advice of Public Health Wales, children and young people should not be allowed to meet with friends and congregate in public places. This remains a school week and all staff and pupils are expected to respect it as such.

This decision also allows families to pre-isolate for the Christmas break (e.g. not mixing outside of the household) for one incubation period (10 days). This is seen as an effective way of lowering the risk of infecting others. Self-isolation remains of paramount importance for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms.

Head teachers will be making local decisions regarding the support for vulnerable pupils who will be expected to attend according to the school's advice and schools are advised to accommodate children of specified key workers. Transport will continue to be available to those pupils who currently qualify for home to school transport.

This is not an early Christmas holiday, and we request that pupils and parents do everything they can to minimise contact with others.

All pupils can make a difference to reducing the transmission of the virus by staying at home, engaging with their learning and by being responsible in their actions.

Those pupils attending school on Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th will be able to receive a meal or can bring a packed lunch to school. Those pupils in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a meal.

Pupils entitled to free school meals who are accessing their learning from home will be provided with a BACS payment as has happened previously.

Aled Evans  
Director of Education