



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

CATWG PRIMARY SCHOOL
YSGOL GYNRADD CATWG



Headteacher/Prifathrawes: Mrs Carol Bassett

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following discussions with Welsh Government, it has been decided that all Neath Port Talbot schools will remain closed for most pupils until at least **Monday, January 18th**.

Apologies yet again for the short notice and for this devastating news, unfortunately we continue to be in difficult times, I appreciate how awful this is for all of you.

The school will be open as a hub for the children of designated critical workers until we can fully reopen.

Local Authority guidance is very clear – ***‘Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.’***

Priority will be given to **those working for the NHS, Blue Light personnel, care staff, school staff and those working for TTP.**

If you are a critical worker and will need childcare from Monday 11th January, please email catwg@npt.school you will receive confirmation as to whether a place can be offered, our capacity is limited. Those who have already received confirmation need not email again. Please remember **you can only access this provision on the days you are working** and if there is **someone who is able to look after your child at home, they must stay at home.**

Home learning plans will be posted on the website on a weekly basis. Staff will check in with children during the week either on Zoom or Teams.

Teachers will be available via email during the school day to interact with pupils, and will let children know how they can send work. Please be aware that teachers will also be teaching vulnerable learners and children of critical workers in school so may not be able to answer immediately. Teacher email addresses have previously been texted to parents.

I am disappointed that this disruption continues for school and for our families, and appreciate the very many messages of support we have had. We are all looking forward to fully reopening school and having all of the children back with us. Better times are coming, in the meantime we will continue to work together to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Regards

Carol Bassett
Headteacher