

Dear all,

We have just been informed by the Local Authority and Welsh Government that schools will not have face to face teaching before January 18th. I have attached the statement below.

This means that pupils will have online learning from Thursday 7th January until they return to school. Staff will post lessons each day and pupils will be expected to engage with their learning, staff will be available via google classrooms during the school day to interact with pupils when they are not teaching vulnerable learners and children of critical workers.

I will resend the schoop from this morning asking about critical workers to include all areas of critical workers.

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

If you are a key worker and will need childcare, please fill in the form. Please remember **you can only access this on the days you are working** and if there is **someone else who is able to look after your child at home, they must stay home.**

Children are to come to school as a last resort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

You may be asked to produce a letter from your place of work stating your working times if necessary.

School times will be staggered as normal

Miss Gardiner and Mrs D'Angeli's class – 8.55-3.10 (Nursery normal morning times)

Mrs Pickering and Mrs L Thomas (Y4/5) – 9.00 – 3.15

Miss Evans and Mrs K Thomas (Y5/6) – 9.05 – 3.20

If you need breakfast club, please put this on the form. Breakfast club starts at 8.25 and the doors close at 8.40.

Hopefully, things will start getting back to normal after the 18th.

The office is closed until Thursday morning, so if you have any enquiries please email the school.

Those already with their names down can just fill in for next week as this week is confirmed.

There will be no school bus from Clun during this time.

Parents of children that were due to start this term in afternoon nursery will be contacted by the end of the week.

WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

The situation in Wales and across the UK remains very serious. Today, the four UK Chief Medical Officers have agreed that the UK is now at the highest level of risk, Joint Biosecurity Council level 5.

In the light of that decision the Welsh Government, in consultation with the WLGA and Colegau Cymru, has agreed that all schools, colleges and independent schools should move to online learning until January 18th.

As a government we will use the next two weeks to continue to work with local authorities, schools and colleges to plan for the rest of term.

This is the best way to ensure that parents, staff and learners can be confident in the return to face to face learning, based on the latest evidence and information.

Schools and colleges will remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable learners, as well as for learners who need to complete essential exams or assessments. On this basis Special Schools and PRU's should remain open if possible.

We had initially given schools flexibility in the first two weeks of term to decide when to reopen based on local circumstances.

But it is now clear that a national approach of online learning for the first fortnight of term is the best way forward.

We know that schools and colleges have been safe and secure environments throughout the pandemic.

However, we also know that education settings being open can contribute to wider social mixing outside the school and college environment.

We are confident that schools and colleges have online learning provision in place for this immediate period.

Universities in Wales have already agreed a staggered start to term. Students should not return to universities for face to face learning until they are notified that they can do so.

Wales remains in the highest level of restrictions. Everyone must stay at home.