

Olchfa Cluster Primary Schools



17th December 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are writing to you as the Olchfa Cluster Primary Headteachers to explain, as far as we are able, the position of schools after Christmas.

The default position for all our schools is to be **OPEN** on the 6th January 2021. This is different to the original opening dates given. The Welsh Government and Local Authority have designated the 4th and 5th as 'buffer' days to allow schools to risk assess their staffing levels after Christmas.

We are all aware of the very high-risk alert with Covid19 in Wales and so we are asking that all parents and carers keep a close eye on the news over the Christmas holiday, as rapidly rising cases and cases within our school populations may mean that this position changes.

As headteachers, we will be risk assessing over the Christmas break and schools can only remain open if we have sufficient staffing levels to do so.

In the event that schools do not have sufficient staff and have to close, we will commence the emergency childcare hubs for critical workers from the 6th January and forms will be sent out for these on the 4th and 5th January.

As already stated, our default position is to open on the 6th January 2021, but we must do so as safely as possible, with sufficient staffing levels. Please rest assured that any decisions will be communicated to you as soon as we are able to.

With kind regards

K S Thomas

Dunvant Primary

A Lloyd

Parkland Primary

R Squires

Cila Primary

A Field

Hendrefoilan Primary

B Phillips

Sketty Primary



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