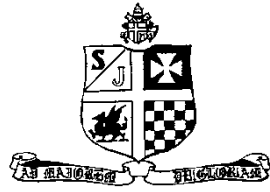


*ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
YSGOL GATHOLIG SAN JOSEFF*



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11th December 2020

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

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

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. Schools will be delivering learning remotely and ensuring that pupils continue with their studies until the end of term on **December 18th**.

It is vitally important that all pupils engage with this on-line 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 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.

Yours sincerely,

C.M. Dineen

Claire Dineen
Headteacher