

# YSGOL GYNRADD BLAENGWRACH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Yesterday, the Welsh Government announced new arrangements for the start of the spring term in light of the pandemic. With the high number of COVID cases in Wales, in particular Neath Port Talbot, it was decided by Welsh Government yesterday to have buffer days at the start of the spring term. This will enable individual schools to assess their staffing levels following the Christmas break to ensure that the school is in a position to reopen for all classes and fully staffed. Therefore the school will be closed to pupils on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January. The INSET day that was previously arranged for the 4<sup>th</sup> January will be pushed back to later in the school year and we will inform you as soon as we have confirmation of that date.

It is our intention, following a review of our risk assessment and staffing levels to fully open for all pupils (Nursery to Year 6) on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Should this need to be changed or adjusted we will let parents know as soon as possible and ensure that you are updated of any new information that we receive. All drop off and pick up arrangements will continue as they have done this term. Please could we continue to keep breakfast club for emergencies only where there is no other childcare available; this is to ensure we can keep the children safe in their bubbles in the infant hall which as you know is very small.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Best Wishes,

*Sam Sharp*