



Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Please read the following letter from the local authority and our response below.

Letter from the Local Authority:

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.

Neath Port Talbot Local Education Authority.

Response from Ysgol Bae Baglan:

Dear parent or carer,

As you may already have heard Welsh Government have instructed all Secondary Phase schools to move to online remote learning. The last day of face-to-face teaching for Years 7-11 is today.

The Local Authority have also decided that Primary Phase schools must move to remote learning from Tuesday and the last day of face-to-face teaching in school will be on Monday 14th December.

We too are doing our best to reduce contacts, so I have instructed our teaching staff that they must prepare materials for remote learning and continue preparing work and giving feedback and support to pupils remotely from their homes. We expect pupils to continue this work next week.

All schools are required to provide Emergency Key Worker childcare provision (The Hub) for the days between Monday 14th and Friday 18th December. This childcare is for those parents who cannot make any other alternative arrangements and are:

- Health and social care workers
- Public safety (emergency workers) and national security workers
- Education and childcare workers
- Track Trace and Protect personnel.
- Those identified as vulnerable by the school.
- For pupils who cannot be left at home alone.

This provision will be in school between the hours of 8:30am and 3pm and **MUST BE PREBOOKED by TOMORROW at 1pm. Those requiring provision must email ybbcure@npt.school** and must receive a reply before bringing children to school. Full details will be in the email reply.

Children will not be with their normal teachers and will be supervised by a skeleton staff rota. Children will be presented with the same remote learning materials as pupils who are learning from home. Children will have access to feedback or support from their teachers online in the same way as all other learners.

Yours faithfully,

R. Rees

Headteacher.