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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of term and the end of 2020, we would like to thank you in what has been an extremely difficult and challenging year.

The last nine months have placed additional stresses on everyone, but particularly parents and carers to have had to adjust with schools across the county impacted by the pandemic.

However, the Spring Term will soon be here and it is only right that we inform you what the plans are for when learners return to their settings after the Christmas holidays.

Following discussions with headteachers, early years officers and teaching unions, it has been agreed that Monday 4 and Tuesday 5, January 2021 will be staff only days to allow schools and settings to prepare for the return of all pupils on Wednesday, 6 January.

Planning and preparation days will now take place Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 January. These will be staff only days to allow schools and early year settings to review their risk assessments, processes and systems to ensure they can welcome learners back safely.

From Wednesday 6 January, all settings will open for learners to return.

We must make it clear that we are still in the grip of this pandemic. Parents should continue to be on their guard for coronavirus and keep unwell children away from school and early year settings even if symptoms seem very mild.

The return to school in January needs to be as safe as possible for all of our learners and our staff. The restrictions that will take effect on Monday 28 December across Wales are designed to make the country safer.

We are urging every family to follow the latest Coronavirus rules so that our schools can get off to a flying start on Wednesday 6 January 2021 and be as safe as possible for all.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing children and young people back in schools and early year

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settings in January.

Yours sincerely,

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