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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, Welsh Government has provided new advice to schools and Local Authorities for re-opening in January. All schools in NPT have been advised to take two planning days at the beginning of next term in order to risk assess our capacity to open and ensure that robust processes are in place to support pupils' learning. These two days will be in addition to our planned INSET day on Monday 4th of January.

The first day of opening for pupils will now be Thursday 7th of January 2021. However, this may be subject to review in light of the school's capacity to open in the first week of January or updated advice from Welsh Government or the Local Authority.

Minimising disruption to our children's education remains a priority and we aim to return to face-to-face teaching on both school sites from the first day of opening to pupils unless there are clear public health and safety reasons for moving to remote learning or to a restricted return for certain year groups.

Can I assure parents that, as a minimum, from the 7th of January we will be providing on site provision for vulnerable learners who were invited to attend the week before Christmas and children of critical workers from that point onwards regardless of capacity challenges. As mentioned earlier, we aim to be able to open fully for face-to-face learning, however we will not have a clear picture of what we can provide until the 4th of January.

I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school settings during the first week of January in order that they can benefit from the learning and wellbeing support that our school staff offer.

Yours sincerely,

T. Richards
Headteacher

