

21 December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

We wish to update you with the latest information following the Welsh Government's decision for all schools in Wales to undertake a staggered return after the Christmas break. We realise that this staggered start may be inconvenient, worrying and frustrating for many parents and young people, however, this must be considered alongside the decision to enter lockdown (Tier 4), immediately. These restrictions require the full cooperation of all, including young people, to minimise contact with others to prevent the transmission of Covid-19.

Monday 4 January and Tuesday 5 January will involve remote learning for all pupils in line with the school's Blended Learning policy. **Pupils will follow week 2 of their timetable.** In addition, these days will be utilised in full to enable the Senior Leadership Team to review risk assessments, determine staffing availability and to establish those learners who are deemed vulnerable. These pupils will be invited into school for face-to-face provision from Wednesday 6 January 2021 onwards.

We will also aim to accommodate pupils of critical care workers, from 6 January. We will prioritise provision for children of frontline emergency services, social care and education staff. Please email the school with the following information if you are a critical care worker and require this provision for your child.

Email title: Request for critical care worker

Name of child/children:

Name of parent:

Parent employment:

Our aim is to return to face-to-face learning as soon as possible and hopefully by the 11 January, however, we are aware that we will need to establish our staffing capacity in the New Year and consider the available information from the Welsh Government at that stage.

**Assessment information for Years 11, 12, 13**

Pupils will not be asked to undertake assessments immediately on return to school in January. A further update will be provided to pupils by the school before any assessments are re-scheduled.

I wish to thank you for your continued patience and support. We send you our warmest wishes for a restful and happy break.

Yours faithfully



F K Greville  
Headteacher

