

16th December 2021

Dear parent/carer,

This morning all Headteachers across Wales received a letter from the Minister for Education, Jeremy Miles in regard to plans for schools in January. Please find below key details from this correspondence which impact on our school community:

- There has been significant disruption this term, due to staff absence. In recognition of this and the current levels of uncertainty regarding the impact of Omicron, the Welsh Government is putting in place **two planning and preparation days at the start of the new spring term** to enable us to assess staffing capacity and put the necessary measures in place to support the return of learners;
- These days will take place on **Tuesday 4th January and Wednesday 5th January**. On both days, teaching staff will be engaged in planning and preparation for your child's learning in case there is a need to revert to remote learning at any point
- **Currently, we expect learners to return to their learning on Thursday 6th January**; at present we are planning for this to be on site and as normal but please understand that circumstances may change depending on the evolving health picture. I will of course keep you fully informed as soon as I am in receipt of any new information;
- There will be an expectation for all staff and learners to **conduct LFTs three times a week** from the start of term in January;
- As communicated to all schools in the region, we will operate within the category of **'very high risk'** so all current control measures will remain in place.

Once again, schools across the county find ourselves in a very uncertain position; please be reassured however that we will continue to do everything possible to ensure that our learners are in receipt of the best possible learning provision whilst being fully supported in their wellbeing.

I shall be in touch with an update at the very start of the new spring term. In the meantime, I very much hope you all manage to enjoy a relaxing and restful festive break. Look after yourselves, look after each other.

Yours faithfully



Tracey Jarvis
Headteacher